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Progress seen in 'artificial pancreas'

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP CHIEF MEDICAL WRITER

Doctors are reporting a major step toward an "artificial pancreas," a device that would constantly monitor blood sugar in people with diabetes and automatically supply insulin as needed.

A key component of such a system—an insulin pump programmed to shut down if blood-sugar dips too low while people are sleeping—worked as intended in a three-month study of 247 patients.

This "smart pump," made by Minneapolis-based Medtronic Inc., is already sold in Europe, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administra-



This October 2012 image provided by Medtronic shows the MiniMed Integrated System device, which doctors are reporting as a major step toward an "artificial pancreas."

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tion is reviewing it now. Whether it also can be programmed to mimic a real pancreas and constantly adjust insulin based on continuous readings from a blood-sugar monitor requires more testing, but doctors say the new study suggests that's a realistic goal.

"This is the first step in the development of the artificial pancreas," said Dr. Richard Bergenstal, diabetes chief at Park Nicollet, a large clinic in St. Louis Park, Minn. "Before we said it's a dream.

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Pilot nat'l food stamp program for the NMI defeated

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The CNMI received a major setback in its proposed inclusion in the national food stamp program—including a \$33 million pilot program—after the U.S. House of Representatives killed a national farm bill on Thursday.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said it was a "surprising turn of events," when 62 Republicans voted against their own leadership to kill H.R. 1947, an agriculture policy legislation that would cut \$20.5 billion in food-stamp spending.

The 62 Republicans joined 172 Democrats to defeat the bill.

The 195-234 vote in the U.S. House came less than two weeks since the U.S. Senate passed a \$955 billion version, See FOOD STAMP on Page 4



Sablan



GREAT BALL OF FIRE

A glorious Saipan sunset greets tourists and residents by the Barefoot Bar at Kanoa Resort in Susupe on Friday. With the upswing in tourist arrivals and to prevent loss of millions of tourism investments in the CNMI, the Department of Public Lands asked Kanoa Resort and at least four other hotels to consider extending their land leases years before the lease expires.

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Immigration bill could pass US Senate this week

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The U.S. Senate is expected to pass this week a sweeping national immigration reform bill that includes a pathway to citizenship for thousands of long-term, legal aliens in the CNMI, on the heels of a report by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office stating that S. 744 would shrink the national deficit by \$197 billion over the next decade and \$700 billion during the

10 years that will follow.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said the prospects for U.S. Senate passage of the immigration bill has "improved."

This is because of the CBO report, as well as senators' endorsement on Friday of an agreement to add 20,000 agents to the U.S.-Mexico Border Patrol, increase surveillance, and bar current illegal immigrants from access to welfare benefits until their fifth year in legal status.

"This verbal accord, along with the

favorable CBO score, should further cement the majority of senators expected See IMMIGRATION on Page 4

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MVA elated with CPA efforts to clean up dirty toilets at airport

The Commonwealth Ports Authority's efforts to fix the problem of dirty toilets at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport has gotten the approving nod of the Marianas Visitors Authority.

"We are happy to hear of the Commonwealth Ports Authority's efforts to improve its facilities for both visitors and residents, alike," said MVA managing director Perry Tenorio in an email to *Saipan Tribune* when asked

about the agency's efforts to alleviate the problem.

Dirty toilets has been a recurring problem at the Saipan airport, which some sectors in the community have raised as a major concern considering that tourism has become the islands' lone industry following the

demise of garment manufacturing.

Others also argue that airports leave a long and lasting impression to tourists since it is the first facility they see on the island when they arrive and also the last when they leave.

Acting CPA executive director Mary-Ann Lizama recently said she received several complaints about the airport's unclean restrooms, walkways, and other facilities since taking over the post.

To this end, CPA is considering beefing up its 14-man custodial team or contracting a private company to maintain the cleanliness of airport facilities altogether.

The issue of dirty toilets at the airport

couldn't have come at a more critical time as the CNMI's tourism industry is finally showing some growth following years of decline.

According to the MVA, visitor arrivals to the islands were up 16 percent in May 2013 compared to May 2012. Arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota registered 32,671 visitors in May compared to 28,193 in May 2012. (*Saipan Tribune*)



PDM Promoters Inc. volunteers pose for a group photo alongside the 1,240 lbs of trash they collected last Saturday at the Paseo de Marianas. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

PDM Promoters collects 1,240 lbs of trash

Thirty-five volunteers from the Saipan Awadori Team and Kinpachi Restaurant took part in PDM Promoters Inc.'s monthly cleanup at Paso de Marianas and its surrounding environs last Saturday.

According to cleanup coordinator Sonia Awa, the team, made up of 27 Saipan Awadori Team members and their parents and eight Kinpachi employees, was able to collect 1,240 lbs of trash.

The cleanup started at 9am and wound up

around 11am. The areas covered by the activity were Coral Tree Avenue, Winchell's Road, Beach Road from American Memorial Park up to the ABC Store, and areas surrounding Paseo de Marianas.

Awa said the garbage picked up by volunteers was mostly made up of beer bottles, hundreds of cigarettes butts, dried leaves, and bushes.

"The dirtiest part is the vacant lot at the back of Winchell's beside Amigo Pizza. It

looks like the surrounding business establishments throw their trash in this area," Awa said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

On the good side, she was happy to report that the area around Paseo de Marianas is not as littered by trash as before, adding that the Tan Siu Lin Foundation headed by Maggie S. Sablan and some volunteer policemen headed by Sgt. Arnold Seman conducted water-blasting of the area a week ago.

PDM Promoters is community group known for its cultural dance group and for keeping the Paseo de Marianas spick and span throughout the year. It recently received a \$2,000 donation from the TSL Foundation.

The group's monthly cleanups collect up to 1,000 lbs of trash during these drives. Aside from the TSL Foundation, other major sponsors of PDM Promoters are DFS Galleria Saipan and Docomo Pacific. (*Saipan Tribune*)



Several Awadori kids take a break during last Saturday's cleanup. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority
Tourism is everybody's business.

**NMI Wins
"Most Popular Island Destination" Award**

The Northern Mariana Islands continues to grow in popularity among outbound

Chinese travelers.

Saipan was recognized as the "Most Popular Island Destination" of the year by **Travel Weekly China** on May 8, 2013. The MVA joined travel trade partners at the **China Travel & Meetings Industry Awards** to accept the award and to increase the awareness and reputation of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The **Marianas Visitors Authority** operates representative offices in Shanghai and Beijing. So far through May this fiscal year, 70,870 visitors from China have travelled to the Northern Marianas, an increase of 38 percent compared to the same period last fiscal year. In April 2013, visitor arrivals from China surpassed the number of arrivals from Japan for the first time. Continued rapid growth is projected out of the China market for the remainder of this summer.

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Local

House OKs initiative scrapping double dipping

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A proposed constitutional amendment to scrap double dipping among retirees passed the House of Representatives with amendments on Friday afternoon, sending the legislative initiative to the Senate for action. This is part of ongoing efforts to prolong the NMI Retirement Fund's lifespan.

If the Senate also passes House Legislative Initiative 18-3, House Draft 2, then the question on the removal of double dipping will be presented to voters for ratification.

Double dipping means receiving retirement benefits and an employment salary at the same time.

By a vote of 17-0, HLI 18-3, HD2 passed the House. Rep. Mario Taitano (IR-Saipan) is the main author of the initiative, which was reviewed by the Special Committee on Retirement Fund that Taitano chairs.

The initiative, which amends Article 3 Section 20(b) of the NMI Constitution, also removes a provision granting five years credited service for employees with not less than 25 years credited service.

This constitutional provision refers to exemptions granted to classroom teachers, doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals, who could be re-employed without losing their retirement benefits for up to two years.

HLI 18-3, HD2 was among the 14 bills and resolutions that cleared the House during its session on Friday from morning to afternoon.

Shooting range bill

Action on a committee report on Rep. Cris Leon Guerrero's (Cov-Saipan) House Bill 18-29, which allows outdoor shooting ranges and skeet shooting, took up a considerable amount of time.

By a vote of 10-8, the bill was referred back to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

The JGO Committee that Leon Guerrero chairs recommends passage of the bill in the form of House Draft 1. But during the session, lawmakers debated whether to have the bill further reviewed or acted by the full membership.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) asked his colleagues to "scrutinize the committee report further," while Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan) acknowledged the revenue-generating purpose of the bill but said she cannot "compromise safety" and also asked for further review.

Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian) was concerned about storage and safety guidelines and also asked for further review of the bill.

Leon Guerrero said the JGO Committee discussed safety is-

sues at length while deliberating on the bill.

Taitano, for his part, told his colleagues he will only support the bill if it excludes handguns, narrating how he was shot on his upper right chest with a handgun in 1974 by a police officer who was just doing his job.

Bills passed

Besides passing HLI 18-3, HD2, the House passed seven other bills.

The House passed HB 18-58 by an 18-0 vote, reauthorizing the Northern Marianas College's Apprenticeship Program.

By a vote of 10-7, the House passed Senate Bill 18-15, removing the sunset provision authorizing the Department of Public Lands to designate public lands to municipalities for free trade zones. The bill also establishes a free trade zone in the Northern Islands, to be administered by the Northern Islands mayor.

The House also passed HB 18-33, which reestablishes the Commonwealth Board of Nurse Examiners as an autonomous public agency.

By a vote of 17-0, the House also passed HB 18-44, requiring the Department of Finance's Revenue and Taxation Division to make periodic inspections of sales receipts.

Also passed by a 17-0 vote was HB 18-64, renaming the Rota Junior/Senior High School on Rota as the Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior/Senior High School.

HB 18-49 also passed the House by a vote of 17-0. The bill authorizes the Marianas Visitors Authority to regulate tour operators and tour guides.

The House also passed HB 18-48 by a vote of 18-0, restricting the use of wireless telephones while driving vehicles.

Resolutions adopted

Of the six resolutions adopted on Friday, the House spent a lengthy discussion on Maratita's House Resolution 18-28, urging Gov. Eloy S. Inos to nominate a female associate judge at the Superior Court.

The acting House speaker, Dela Cruz, was the only one that voted "no," while 17 others voted "yes."

The House adopted House Joint Resolution 18-8, authorizing the CNMI through the governor, to submit an action plan for a Community Block Grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, among other things.

House members also adopted HR 18-25, urging the governor and lieutenant governor to issue homesteads to applicants who have been waiting to get a homestead lot for years.

At the beginning of the session, the House presented a copy of a resolution commending newly promoted U.S. Army Col. Harry Camacho Blanco, the first from the CNMI to reach

this highest military ranking of-ficer on active duty. Blanco personally received the resolution in the presence of his family.

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Chamber: Many members oppose Saipan casinos

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Most of the members of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce that took part in a recent optional, confidential online survey poll are opposed to two separate bills legalizing casino gambling on Saipan and allowing electronic gaming machines at hotels in the CNMI.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is the largest business organization in the CNMI with some 160 members.

Some 69 percent of “votes cast” on House Bill 18-45 or the Saipan casino gambling measure were against its passage.

About 29 percent of the same votes cast supported the Saipan casino bill’s passage.

Two Senate committees are

now reviewing the Saipan casino bill after passing the House recently.

The Chamber, however, has yet to disclose how many votes were cast on both bills.

An electronic gaming machine measure or House Bill 18-51 got more support than the Saipan casino bill, but still less than 50 percent of the votes cast.

52 percent of the votes cast on

HB 18-51 were against its enactment into law, while 41 percent of votes cast supported it.

This bill is also now under Senate committee review.

Chamber president Alex Sablan presented the Chamber’s survey findings through a letter to House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan) and Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan).

PANCREAS

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We have the first part of it now and I really think it will be developed.”

He led the company-sponsored study and gave results Saturday at an American Diabetes Association conference in Chicago. They also were published online by the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The study involved people with Type 1 diabetes, the kind usually diagnosed during childhood. About 5 percent of the 26 million Americans with diabetes have this type. Their bodies don’t make insulin, a hormone needed to turn food into energy. That causes high blood-sugar levels and raises the risk for heart disease and many other health problems.

Some people with the more common Type 2 diabetes, the kind linked to obesity, also need insulin and might also benefit from a device like an artificial

pancreas. For now, though, it’s aimed at people with Type 1 diabetes who must inject insulin several times a day or get it through a pump with a narrow tube that goes under the skin. The pump is about the size of a cellphone and can be worn on a belt or kept in a pocket.

The pumps give a steady amount of insulin, and patients must monitor their sugar levels and give themselves more insulin at meals or whenever needed to keep blood sugar from getting too high.

A big danger is having too much insulin in the body overnight, when blood-sugar levels naturally fall. People can go into comas, suffer seizures and even die. Parents of children with diabetes often worry so much about this that they sneak into their bedrooms at night to check their child’s blood-sugar monitor.

In the study, all patients had sensors that continuously monitored their blood sugar. Half of them had ordinary in-

sulin pumps and the others had pumps programmed to stop supplying insulin for two hours when blood-sugar fell to a certain threshold.

Over three months, low-sugar episodes were reduced by about one-third in people using the pump with the shut-off feature. Importantly, these people had no cases of severely low blood sugar—the most dangerous kind that require medical aid or help from another person. There were four cases in the group using the standard pump.

“As a first step, I think we should all be very excited that it works,” an independent expert, Dr. Irl Hirsch of the University of Washington in Seattle, said of the programmable pump.

The next step is to test having it turn off sooner, before sugar falls so much, and to have it automatically supply insulin to prevent high blood sugar, too.

Dr. Anne Peters, a diabetes specialist at the University of Southern California, said the study “represents a major step

forward” for an artificial pancreas.

One participant, Spears Mallis, 34, a manager for a cancer center in Gainesville, Ga., wishes these devices were available now. He typically gets low-sugar about 8 to 10 times a week, at least once a week while he’s asleep.

“I would set an alarm in the middle of the night just to be sure I was OK. That will cause you to not get a good night of rest,” he said.

His “smart pump” stopped giving insulin several times during the study when his sugar fell low, and he wasn’t always aware of it. That’s a well-known problem for people with Type 1 diabetes—over time, “you become less and less sensitive to feeling the low blood sugars” and don’t recognize symptoms in time to drink juice or do something else to raise sugar a bit, he said.

Besides Medtronic, Johnson & Johnson and several other research groups are working on artificial pancreas devices.

“Concerning H.B. 18-45, 29 percent of votes cast in the survey supported its passage, while 69 percent were against enacting it into law... Concerning H.B. 18-51, 41 percent of all votes cast in the survey supported its passage, while 52 percent were against enacting

it into law,” Sablan told Deleon Guerrero and Torres in a letter to be delivered this week.

Torres, meanwhile, said he has faith in the Senate committees reviewing revenue-generating bills such as the Saipan casino gambling and electronic gaming bills.



GOOD JOB!

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Congratulations to Cedie Chan for your recent graduation! Greetings come from your mom, Lorna Chan.

FOOD STAMP

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leaving spending on farm programs in limbo.

Without a new law, these farm programs begin to expire on Sept. 30.

Sablan reiterated that being in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, “could double benefits for families in the NMI.”

Inclusion in SNAP, the national food stamp program, will add \$12 million to \$24 million into the CNMI economy compared to the current food stamp assistance block grant program, according to an independent study.

Sablan said that, although the legislative path forward is now “unclear,” Agriculture Committee chair Frank Lucas (R-Oklahoma) said he is “assessing all of our options, but I have no doubt that we will finish our work in the near future.”

He said Rep. Collin Peterson (D-Minnesota), too, pledged “to do everything I can to get a farm bill passed.”

“I remain most grateful to both of these leaders for having included in the FARRM Act a \$33-million pilot program for the NMI. This would lead to our participation in SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and lifted food stamp benefits for families in need in the Marianas,” Sablan said.

Sablan said even U.S. House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio), who has reportedly never voted for a “farm bill” during his 22-year congressional career, voted in favor of the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management, or FARRM, Act.

H.R. 1947 was the product of four years of intense effort first by Peterson and Lucas.

“Both men are credited with crafting a bipartisan bill that had strong support from Democrats and Republicans on the Agriculture Committee. Speaker Boehner and other Republican leaders would have expected similar bipartisanship from the full House of Representatives,

but a Republican amendment to SNAP in the final hours of floor debate is generally credited with driving away Democratic votes needed to off-set the 62 Republican defections,” Sablan said.

In the meantime, the U.S. House Appropriations Committee has included at Sablan’s request language in its Committee Report for the fiscal year 2104 Agriculture appropriations bill that directs the Agriculture secretary to report on the feasibility of setting up SNAP in the CNMI.

“The Secretary must comply with this congressional requirement; and the study should provide further justification for extending SNAP to our islands,” Sablan added.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos supports the initiative to include the CNMI in the SNAP, primarily because it will pump more money into the local economy compared to the current food stamp assistance block grant program.

Under the farm bill that was defeated, if the study is favorable to the CNMI, a pilot program will be funded and carried out. These include the federal costs for providing technical assistance to the CNMI, authorizing and monitoring retail food stores, and assessing pilot operations.

The CNMI is to receive \$13.5 million for the pilot program in fiscal year 2016.

It will receive \$8.5 million for the same program in each of fiscal years 2017 and 2018. Overall, the funding for the CNMI under the bill is about \$32.5 million.

National media reported that the farm bill collapsed because of continued divisions over food stamp cuts and the shape of future agriculture subsidies.

They said the vote is an embarrassment for the Republican leadership and caps a remarkable year in which the GOP first blocked any farm bill floor action last summer and now was unable to prevail even after Boehner and Majority Leader Eric Cantor won key amendments in the final hours.

IMMIGRATION

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to vote in favor of S. 744 [this] week, sending the bill to the House for action,” Sablan said.

S. 744’s main thrust is to provide a pathway to citizenship to some 11 million undocumented aliens in America.

CBO, which is required to estimate costs before passage of a bill, also said gross domestic product would rise 5.4 percent as a result of immigration reform.

The increased prospect of having the immigration bill pass the U.S. Senate this week is once again raising the hopes of long-term aliens in the CNMI. For far too long, the CNMI has debated improved status for foreign workers who have been legally on the islands for years and decades.

“This is a clear and positive step. We are very excited and optimistic that the Senate will do their best to resolve the uncertainty that the guest workers are now experiencing,” Rene Reyes, founding president of Marianas Advocates for Humanitarian Affairs Ltd. or Mahal, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Reyes reiterated that the immigration bill’s passage will benefit not only the long-term legal workers but also their families, the business sector and the CNMI as a whole, because

it will provide a more stable workforce.

To date, the CNMI does not have enough U.S. workers to take over the jobs held by skilled and professional foreign workers, mostly from Asian countries such as the Philippines and China.

“And guest workers must get ready. Dig in for your files. Prepare all of the documents that you think might be needed to support your status. It is better to be advanced than to be late. Start saving for processing fees. We must remember that processing of status is not free, and most important is to show our employer that we are really hard workers, honest and dependable, and deserving of an enhanced status,” Reyes added.

Bonifacio Sagana, president of Dekada Movement, said yesterday he’s excited about the U.S. Senate’s impending action on the immigration bill.

“I’m hoping that the U.S. House will also pass the bill. I’m hoping they’d realize that the CNMI provision makes sense, because it is for those with legal status and those who have been here for a long time. This has always been a part of my family’s prayers, that hopefully an improved status is granted for the CNMI’s economy’s sake and the United States’ sake,” he said.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said he is happy with the developments

on the immigration bill and he shares Sablan’s cautious optimism, given that it may not be smooth sailing in the U.S. House.

The CNMI-specific provision is expected to remain untouched, even as numerous amendments to the immigration bill have been proposed.

This comes a year-and-a-half before the temporary Commonwealth-only worker or CW program ends on Dec. 31, 2014, unless extended.

If the CW program expires that date, the tourism-based CNMI economy would lose access to most of the 12,000 foreign workers because many of them won’t qualify for H visas, among other things.

Florida-based human rights activist and former CNMI teacher Wendy Doromal said the big question is, “Can the immigration bill pass the House?”

“The chances do not look that good right now considering that the House defeated the farm bill on Thursday... One thing that conservatives may like is the Congressional Budget Office’s announcement that passing the immigration bill would result in reducing the deficit by \$1 trillion over the next two decades,” Doromal said.

Sablan said he submitted the same CNMI-specific language to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Acting House speaker Frank

Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan), meanwhile, granted a request from Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan) on Friday to invite Sablan to the CNMI Legislature when he is on island, to help update local lawmakers about the status of the national immigration reform bill up for U.S. Senate action this week.

Ogumoro, who has been critical of improved status for long-term, legal aliens in the CNMI, said she would like to know about the impacts of such proposal on the islands, among other things.

Dela Cruz said that since Sablan is in Washington, D.C., the House would wait until he comes back to the CNMI before they invite him to the Legislature. The acting House speaker said this could be done jointly with the Senate.

The CNMI-specific provision in the U.S. Senate’s Gang of Eight bill would allow long-term foreigners to apply for a CNMI-only status within months of the bill’s enactment. Those covered include legal foreign workers who have been in the CNMI since at least 2003, and those with U.S. citizen children regardless of the age of the children.

After an additional five-year waiting period, these aliens can start applying for U.S. permanent residence status or “green card,” a pathway to U.S. citizenship.

Judge denies Sen. Ayuyu's motion to dismiss phone case

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With Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) likely to enter a guilty plea in the three criminal cases filed against him, the federal court last week denied his motion to dismiss the information charging him with one count of possessing a phone in a federal detention facility.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona said the plain language of the Cell Phone Contraband Act of 2010 makes it clear to a person of ordinary intelligence that a cell phone is an object that a federal inmate

is prohibited from possessing.

Manglona said it is precise enough to prevent arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement, in that it directs law enforcement officers to distinguish between cell phones and non-mobile communication devices.

The judge said that Ayuyu does not deny that the confiscated object was a cell phone or that the law prohibits his possession of a cell phone.

Manglona also ruled that based on the plain language and the legislative purpose and history of the Cell Phone Contraband Act, the rule of lenity does not apply to the constitutional vagueness challenge.

Ayuyu, through counsel David J. Lujan, moved to dismiss the charge on grounds that the statute is unconstitutionally vague and ambiguous, and the double jeopardy clause bars the government from prosecuting him for the alleged conduct.

The U.S. government opposed the motion.

Ayuyu asserts that this prosecution violates the double jeopardy clause of the Sixth Amendment.

The Sixth Amendment "protects against multiple punishment for the same offense."

Ayuyu also argued that the disciplinary segregation which the Department of Corrections imposed on him for violation of the prison's contraband rules amounted to punishment

for the charged conduct.

In denying the motion, Manglona said the double jeopardy clause does not prohibit conviction and sentencing on federal charges arising from the same conduct that led to an administrative discipline by prison officials.

Ayuyu maintains that because DOC's investigation was not suspended before his statement was taken, the prison disciplinary procedure was not kept separate from the criminal investigation.

The senator asserts that subsequent administrative discipline was not merely remedial in nature but was intended to punish him.

But Manglona determined that Ayuyu's argument is not

persuasive.

First, the judge noted, suspension of the staff investigation in deference to a criminal investigation is not mandatory.

Second, Manglona said, a plain reading of the regulation is that a failure to suspend is a sign that the incident is not being investigated for criminal prosecution.

Third, the judge said, the regulation does not terminate a disciplinary investigation if a criminal prosecution is contemplated, but only suspends it out of regard for the prisoner's constitutional right against self-incrimination.

Finally, Manglona said, the discipline imposed on Ayuyu—60 days' segregation plus restriction of privileges—

is not disproportionate to the harm his alleged misconduct caused to prison security and, therefore, does not suggest a retributive purpose.

The senator is facing three criminal charges: the fruit bat case, obstruction of justice case, and the cell phone use.

Ayuyu, 48, has been in detention since Dec. 17, 2012. His trials have been moved several times.

Last week, the parties informed the court that they were discussing a global plea agreement that will resolve the three cases without a trial. Lujan withdrew one motion, while the other motions were deemed moot. A change of plea hearing will be held on July 2, 2013.

Quichocho wants Guam AAG deposed

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Attorney Ramon K. Quichocho wants to depose Benjamin M. Abrams, an assistant attorney general of the Guam Office of the Attorney General who was retained as an expert witness in a racketeering lawsuit filed against Quichocho.

Attorney Michael W. Dotts, counsel for Quichocho and his wife Frances Quichoco, informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI last week of their intent to depose Al Abrams at Dotts' law office on July 3, 2013, at 10am.

Dotts said the depositions will be recorded by a digital voice recorder and may be recorded with a digital video recorder.

Deposition refers to the taking of testimony of a witness outside of court.

Jung Ja Kim is a Korean investor who filed the racketeering lawsuit against the Quichocho couple and the

Quichocho law firm. She used to be a client of Quichocho.

Kim retained Abrams and others as her expert witnesses.

In his opinion, Abrams stated that Quichocho not only committed ethical transgressions but likely even criminal acts.

Last week, Kim also notified the court of her intent to depose former police detective and now Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan) at Thompson's law office on July 9, 2013.

Leon Guerrero, then owner of LG Private Investigation Services, is among Quichocho's expert witnesses in Kim's lawsuit.

Leon Guerrero stated in his report that it is his opinion that Kim was using a series of corporate entities that she in fact controlled to hide assets from her former husband and the Division of Revenue and Tax.

He said Kim was using other individuals to accomplish the same purpose of concealing corporate entities.



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Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Thirteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the BOE Conference Room in Bwughos Street, Susupe, Saipan.

AGENDA

- I. Preliminary**
 - 1) Call to Order
 - 2) Roll Call
 - 3) Adoption of Agenda
 - 4) Adoption of Minutes
- II. Swearing of Student Representative**
- III. Public Comments¹**
- IV. Committee Reports**
 - 1) Chair
 - 2) Board Committees
 - 3) Commissioner of Education
- V. Unfinished Business**
- VI. New Business**
 - 1) Acceptance and Approval of FY 2012 Audit
 - 2) Ratification of Legislative Comments:
 - a) SB 18-20, SSI re Selection of Teacher Rep.
 - b) HLB 18-7 & HLB 18-8, D1 re restoration and improvement for school bus shelters.
 - c) HB 18-32 re Paloma and Meleina Act of 2013
 - d) HB 18-58 & SB 18-17 re NMC Apprenticeship Program and Student Rep to the NMC Board of Regents.
 - e) HB 18-034 re special health care impact tax on unhealthy foods and other items.
 - f) SB 18-07, SSI re CUC commercial rate for water and waste water for PSS.
 - 3) Provisional Approval of Certification
- VII. Executive Session²**
 - 1) Legal Updates
 - 2) Personnel
 - 3) Other matters
- VIII. Administrative Matters**
 - 1) Certification & Licensure Matters
- IX. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting**
- XI. Adjournment**

¹ Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

² Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

New Rotary president notes 'year of many firsts'

The Rotary Club of Saipan turned a new leaf last Saturday with the induction of its 2013-2014 officers at the Caladium Hall of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort & Spa.

Newly installed president Laila Boyer ushered the start of her term by declaring that her tenure will pile on to the many firsts in the history of the Rotary Club in the region.

"This year is the year of many firsts. It is the first time a female Rotarian is our district governor, Isako Funaki, who is also the first chairwoman to lead the Governor's Council, overseeing all 34 districts in Japan. It is the first time four out of the eight Rotary clubs in the Pacific Basin Group are led by female presidents, which are Rotary Club of Guam Sunrise, Rotary Club of Palau, Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon, and Rotary Club of Saipan," she said.

Boyer reiterated her goal of a more engaged Rotary Club during her term.

"This is also the first time the Rotary Club of Saipan will reach farther, dig deeper, and engage our community to change lives, lift our spirits and further earn the title of the islands' business leaders—not only because of our creative and hardworking Rotarians, but also because of the resources and the



Saipan Rotary Club president Pete Shilling, right, swears into office incoming president Laila Boyer during the civic organization's induction ceremony last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort. Also in photo is Boyer's husband Laurence Boyer, left.

technology before us today."

Plans for this year

Boyer laid out her plans for her term as president of the civic organization. Among these are instituting the first Club Leader-

ship and business career workshops, groundbreaking for the Kagman Children's Park, the establishment of new dental clinic at the Rota Health Center, make the Rotary Club a stakeholder in the Division of

Public Health NCD emergency program, form partnerships with the Public School System and NMI Foundation, organize an inaugural Rock to Read Literacy Event, production of a *Love Heals* album, creation of

the Gardens to Go with Sabalu Association, and more involvement with the NMI Girl Scouts.

"The goal is to engage our community with smaller, but high-impact projects to help push this positive energy along and help build a more stronger and vibrant local and regional community."

Honor to serve

The new president urged the rest of the incoming officers and all members to help her attain the goals set for the coming year.

"After four short, amazing years, it is an honor and a privilege to be able to serve as your president for a Club with an incredible 45-year history... In Rotary, business, and everything else, you are only as good as your team. Like District Governor Funaki said, each Rotarian's help is needed to reach the lofty goals set for this year in Future Vision and our goals as a vibrant Club."

Also sworn in Saturday night were vice president Richard Cody, secretary Curtis Dancoe, treasurer Nhing Reyes, sergeant-at-arms Wayne Gillespie, and directors Reina Camacho (Club Services), Kelly Bucher (Vocational Services), Dennis Yoshimoto (Community Services), Ivan Ilomov (New Generation Services), Peter Shilling (Intern-

tional Services), and Pete Igitol (Foundation Services).

Aside from Ilomov and Shilling, who Boyer replaced at the helm of the club, all other officers were retained from their previous posts.

The local Rotary Club also named longtime Saipan resident Dr. Jack Hardy as its 2013 Citizen of the Year for his many volunteer work on the island.

A former surgeon at the Commonwealth Health Center, Hardy started out as volunteer with American Relay for Life and became one of the founding members and driving forces of the Marianas March Against Cancer of the Commonwealth Cancer Association.

Serving as a senior adviser of the Commonwealth Cancer Association, Hardy also became the lead advocate of successful campaigns for the new HPV vaccine for cervical cancer, a disease that claimed the life of his mother at a young age.

Also in attendance during last Saturday's induction ceremony were Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), and Fr. Ryan Jimenez. Special guests included Rotary Club of Guam vice president Emile Le Roux, and Northern Guam Rotary Club vice president Amier Younis, who incidentally is Boyer's younger brother. *(Saipan Tribune)*



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The Power to Surprise

Inos hints of abolition of the gov't credit union

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos disclosed Friday that the Executive Branch is looking at coming up with a policy decision that may get rid of the Commonwealth Government Employees Credit Union, a program that he said is "very inactive" and can't be allowed to continue to operate the way it is going at present.

The governor gave this statement during a proclamation signing at the public hospital where he also bared plans to start a conversation with legislative leaders about his intent for the credit union.

The credit union is a member-owned, nonprofit cooperative financial institution where members pool their savings, lend them to one another, and own the organization where they save, borrow, and obtain related financial services. Its operation is being sustained by its members' deposits and loan payments.

When it was formed in 1995, the union was authorized to borrow up to \$2 million from the Retirement Fund.

"I will have to start some conversation with the leadership of the Legislature because this is created by law. As it is now, the union has debts to the Fund. We need to make a policy decision because we cannot let it go the way it is going right now. We have folks who want to withdraw their money

and rightfully so...and we need to do something about that and make sure we give them their share," Inos told *Saipan Tribune*.

Press secretary Angel A. Demapan earlier confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that about 300 members have pending requests to withdraw their contributions from the union.

However, refunds were not permitted since last year until an audit is completed for the organization. It was found that the organization has never had any audit since 2008.

Inos bared that as soon as the audit findings are out, a policy decision will be made with assurance to the members that they will get back their monies. The audit started in February this year.

"Audit is an audit. When we're talking about possibly winding [the credit union] down, we are going to need some data," according to Inos.

Saipan Tribune learned that the union's biggest challenge is the huge amount of delinquent loans by its members, which totals some \$575,000.

"We're waiting for the audit report. Obviously, we have to make a policy decision as to the future of the credit union. My feeling is that the union is essentially very inactive; shareholders who were members basically stopped putting shares into the credit union and folks who have outstanding loans have essentially stopped paying. So we need

to make a decision," added the governor.

The governor likened the union members' situation to active members of the Retirement Fund whose refund applications were also suspended. Inos said it is only fair for both members to get back their shares.

Due to a decline in the union's membership and some funding challenges that affected its operation, the union sought refinancing with the Fund in 2011. This was disapproved. The Fund later filed a complaint in the U.S. district court seeking payment for the union's outstanding loan, amounting to \$1.8 million. The case is pending.



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9th Circuit Court affirms ex-cop's fruit bat conviction

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The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth District has affirmed the conviction of retired police lieutenant Adrian Mendiola relating to the poaching of Mariana fruit bats on Rota.

The Ninth Circuit judges ruled that "although the U.S. government's case consisted of largely circumstantial evidence and required the jury to make reasonable inferences," this circumstantial evidence was sufficient to support a finding beyond a reasonable doubt that at least one of the freezer bats was of the subspecies *Pteropus mariannus mariannus*.

According to court records, agents from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and federal law enforcement executed a search warrant for Mendiola's

residence on Dec. 9, 2008, and discovered four dead fruit bats in the bottom of a freezer.

All of the freezer bats were identified as belonging to the genus *Pteropus*, and three out of the four were of the species *Pteropus mariannus mariannus*.

Fruit bats of the subspecies *Pteropus mariannus mariannus* are listed as "threatened."

On May 13, 2011, a federal jury found Mendiola guilty of possession of a threatened species or wildlife, but not guilty of unlawful receipt of acquisition of threatened species or wildlife.

Mendiola appealed.

Mendiola argued that there was insufficient evidence to sustain his conviction because the government failed to prove that the freezer bats were of the subspecies *Pteropus mariannus mariannus* and that the freezer bats were taken on or after Feb.

7, 2005, the date they were listed as "threatened" on Rota.

The defendant also contends that reversal is warranted because the district court issued an erroneous supplemental jury instruction in response to the jury's request for clarification of the term "possessed."

In affirming the district court's conviction of Mendiola, the Ninth Circuit judges said there was sufficient evidence for a rational fact finder to infer that the freezer bats found in Mendiola's residence belonged to the colony of *Pteropus mariannus mariannus* that had been poached approximately six weeks before.

"Moreover, when the authorities discovered the freezer bats, Mendiola sighed and looked down, and subsequently admitted that he knew hunting fruit bats was illegal," the judges said.

From the evidence, the judge-

es said, a rational juror could conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that the freezer bats were taken after Feb. 7, 2005.

The judges said they also find that the district court's supplemental jury instruction, issued in response to the jury's request for clarification of the term "possessed," was not misleading in the context of the overall charge and did not constitute an abuse of discretion.

Moreover, the judge said, Mendiola has not established that he was prejudiced by the district court's supplemental instruction.

Preventive maintenance of airport aircon units pushed

Passengers at the Saipan International Airport as well as its concessionaires will soon see a much better and more reliable air-conditioning units in both departure and arrival terminal following the board's approval to have preventive maintenance for the equipment.

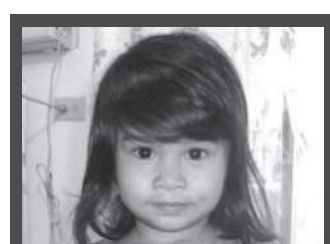
During the board's recent meeting, acting executive director MaryAnn Lizama said the preventive maintenance is "very much needed." She said CPA will issue a request for proposal for the project, which will also cover replacement of units.

Tudela recommended that CPA create a review committee that will address the responsiveness of bidders. It was disclosed that previous protests indicated inconsistency in the total number of AC units that CPA provided the bidders.

CPA procurement officer Alex Tudela also cited the lack of committee members who have professional knowledge of the project. Tudela's office is responsible for developing invitation for bids and RFPs.

Board member Barrie Toves expressed disappointment upon learning that the preventive maintenance contract is only for the Saipan airport and seaport. He said this must also be extended to Rota and Tinian to ensure reliability of their equipment.

Lizama promised that the management will also put together a plan for Tinian and Rota airports. (Moneth G. Deposa)



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

May God richly bless you, Xyriel Jade Pascual, on your 2nd birthday! Have many more wishes to come. We love you very much. Greetings come from Daddy, Mommy, Ateh Precious, Kuya Aljo, and Kuya Kristoffer.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 24, 2005

'A double-edged sword'

Local tourism industry players were urged yesterday to band together in addressing the destination's low seat and package prices, which was cited as the root cause of Japan Airlines' impending pullout. Michael D. Merner, chair of the Japan-based Marketing Garden Ltd. and managing director for the Marianas Visitors Authority's Japan office, said the declining number of airline seat capacity to the Northern Marianas was merely the symptom of the low cost of airfare and travel packages to the destination. The Commonwealth is not a profitable destination for airlines because of the excessively low seat pricing from the agents, he added.

'Very tight security during imperial visit'

Saipan will be swarming next week with U.S. Secret Service personnel, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, members of Japan's national police, and local law enforcement officers for the Japanese imperial couple's visit, raising the bar on the security that would be set in place for the visit, the government said. Governor press secretary Peter A. Callaghan said the security setup during the imperial visit on June 27 and 28 would be extremely tight, a never-before-seen type of security protocol on the island. "The security is going to be very, very tight, the likes of which we have never seen before in the CNMI. We would ask the public to be patient. Traffic would be inconvenient. There are several street closures throughout the day. Traffic has to be re-routed," Callaghan said.

June 24, 2006

Pomp, fireworks usher in Games

A 10-minute long fireworks display that seemed to go on and on and an ebullient display of traditional dances ushered in the much-anticipated 6th Micronesian Games yesterday in an opening ceremony that saw thousands of spectators joining over 1,300 athletes, coaches, and officials at the Oleai Sports Complex for the opening ceremonies. Dressed in their parade uniforms, members of the nine participating delegations first assembled at the Marianas High School, and as soon as the signal was given at 5:10pm, began marching behind two police motorcycles and Sam Joyner's CNMI Drum Corps. The delegates marched out to Beach Road and on to the Oleai Sports Complex, with spectators lined up along the street cheering them on.

'No COLA payment in '06'

For 2006, the NMI government retirees' cost of living allowance rose to 4.1 percent—an increase of more than 50 percent compared with last year's 2.7 percent. The sad news is, the government doesn't have the money to pay for it this year. "By law, we are supposed to receive funding from the government. It is legislated through Public Law 8-31, but we've never received it from Day 1," said Fund administrator Karl T. Reyes. The COLA obligation this year translates to about \$1.3 million. Reyes said the 4.1 percent rate is based on the Social Security rate. He said the NMI government is required by law to follow the Social Security rate and not to go below 2 percent.

June 24, 2007

DPH recalls contact lens solution

The Public Health Department has issued a recall notice for a contact lens solution that is suspected of being linked to eye infections. The Bureau of Environmental Health is currently recalling contact lens solution with brand name Complete® MoisturePlus™, a product of Advanced Medical Optics. Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin P. Villagomez said the bureau has already removed 209 units of this product from various stores and distributors on Saipan since June 5 this year.

Shikou Gakuen makes 21st visit to the CNMI

Some 57 Shikou Gakuen mission members gathered at the Banzai Cliff's Shikou Gakuen Peace Monument yesterday morning to honor all those who perished during World War II—their 21st pilgrimage to this island. The event was attended by ranking local government officials led by Lt. Gov. Timothy P. Villagomez, who provided a brief congratulatory message to the group for its 21st annual peace ceremony. Pacific Development Inc. president Yoichi Matsumura said the group is smaller this year compared to previous years. Last year there were 96 members who came here; in 2005 there were 120 members.



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- Does not babble by 3 to 4 months
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Man allegedly beats up daughter with golf club

A female student suffered multiple injuries after her father allegedly beat her up last week with a golf club at their home on Saipan.

Paul Raymond Kaipat, 41, was arrested Thursday on charges of child abuse or neglect, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. He is being kept on a bail of \$25,000 cash.

Naval Hospital Guam is awarded gold seal

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Both the Joint Commission and Medical Inspector General inspection teams conducted their 2013 triennial survey at USNH Guam and its branch clinics at Naval Base Guam from June 4 to 7.

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Nicole Driscoll described the child's injuries as "quite severe."

According to a police report, the child sustained bruises on the right bicep, right rib area, and right thigh.

Police detective Norman L.

Skilling stated in his report that the Department of Public Safety received a call from a public elementary school on Tuesday, June 18, about a child abuse incident.

Skilling said he and another

detective proceeded to the school where they met with the girl and school officials.

Skilling said that, according to the child, her father began hitting her after Valentine's

Day this year and that the most recent was on Monday, June 17.

It was a teacher who noticed the girl's bruises.

Kaipat allegedly beat up the

girl using the shaft part of a golf club when her mother told her father that she was not listening to her. As a result, the child failed to report for work that day. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Navy mourns death of sailor in Guam

SANTA RITA, Guam—A sailor assigned to USS *Frank Cable* (AS 40) died June 19 during an incident at Alpha Pier on U.S. Naval Base Guam.

Navy Diver 3rd Class Robert Dotzler, 22, of Kiel, Wis., is survived by his parents, who have received notification.

Dotzler was discovered unconscious while conducting diving operations off the pier. He was transported to U.S. Naval Hospital Guam where he was pronounced dead at 11:27am.

The Navy is conducting an investigation.

Dotzler reported to *Frank Cable* in 2011. Prior to his assignment on Guam, he was stationed at the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center in Florida.

Although new in his Navy career, Dotzler was recently nominated for the Command Advancement Program, which recognizes stellar Sailors through meritorious advancement in rank. *(PR)*

Pacific TRICARE beneficiaries warned vs phone scam

The U.S. Naval Hospital Guam Business Office is warning TRICARE beneficiaries in the Pacific to be leery if they receive a phone survey solicitation from someone claiming to be from International SOS.

Although ISOS is the TRICARE contractor for the Pacific region, according to Lt. j.g. Nathan Johnson of the business office, they are not currently conducting surveys and they generally do not contact beneficiaries for surveys. All surveys concerning ISOS services are performed through the TRI-

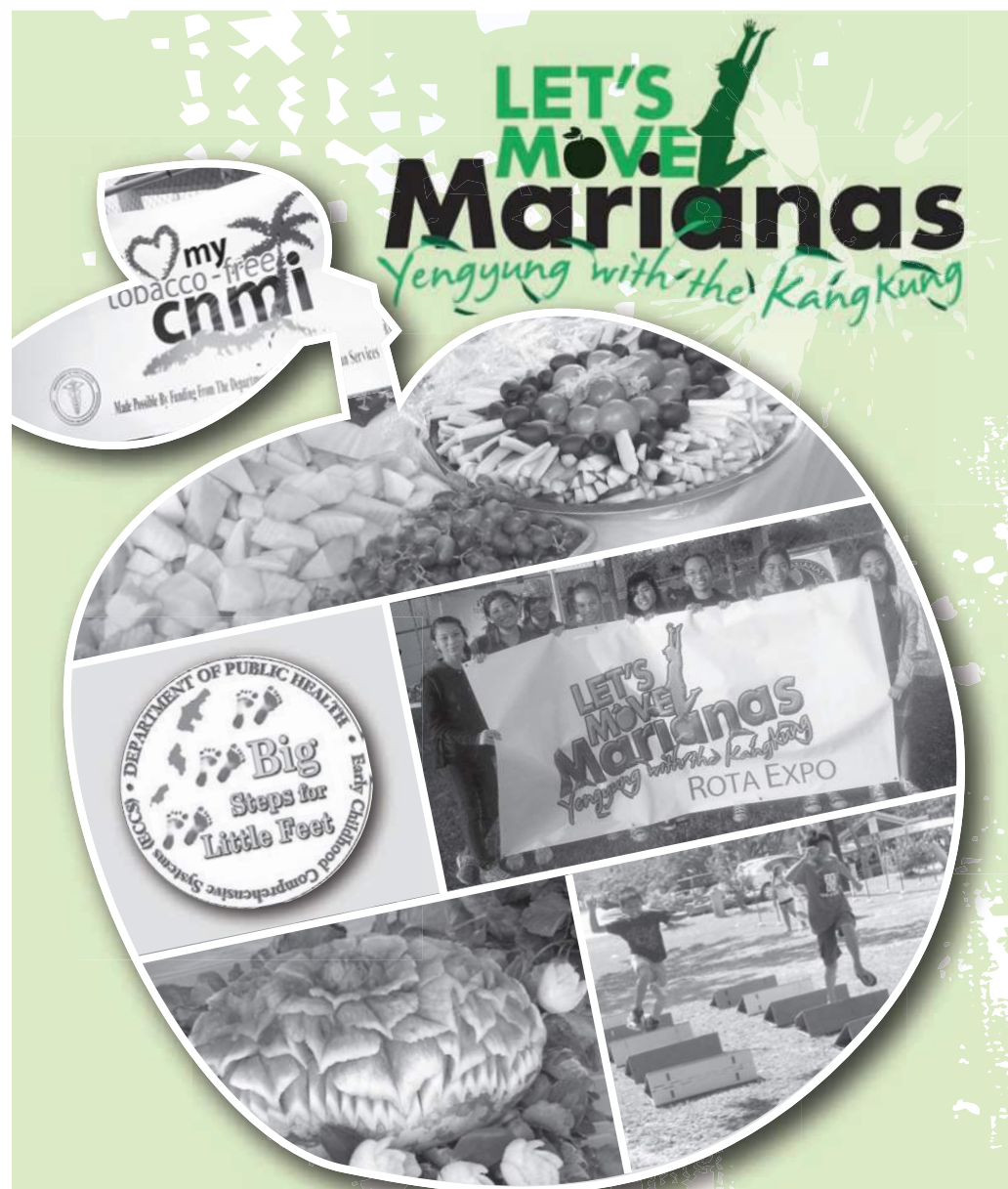
CARE Area Office - Pacific.

"The only direct contact ISOS will have with beneficiaries is when they send notification that their care is authorized. This is typically done through an e-mail or an automated phone message," said Johnson and added, "The only time that beneficiaries usually have live conversations with ISOS is when the beneficiary calls them directly."

Beneficiaries who have been contacted by someone stating that they are from ISOS are en-

couraged to report this to their customer service agents, who are available around the clock, by calling Toll Free: (877) 451-8659 or the Singapore office at +(65) 6339 2676.

Those details and those who believe they may have been the victim of fraud and abuse can report this information through the TRICARE fraud and abuse website by going to <http://www.tricare-overseas.com/Fraud.html>. *(Naval Hospital Guam Public Affairs)*



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- Cook with children at home and use more colors
- Get more fresh produce at the local farmers market

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Plaintiff, :
-v- : SUMMONS
PETER JOHN LEONG-AGUON, :
Defendant. :

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EDITORIAL

Callous cuts to the poor

The following editorial appeared in the Los Angeles Times on Thursday, June 20:

“The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat,” Rep. Stephen Fincher, R-Tenn., said in quoting the Bible last month of the 48 million hungry Americans, mostly working families and senior citizens, who require federal help to put food on the table. That misguided principle stands at the center of a House farm bill that threatens \$20.5 billion in cuts over a decade to food stamps, officially known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Pursuing the sacred cause of deficit reduction, Congress would sooner shrink aid to struggling families than substantially reform farm subsidies, of which Fincher, who owns a family cotton farm, is one of the largest recipients in Tennessee history.

It’s dismaying that 1 in 7 Americans needs help getting enough food to eat. The number of recipients has soared since the recession began, and the fact that rates have stayed high reflects the troubling reality that many of the jobs regained so far during the recovery are low-wage.

But the solution is not to push 1.8 million low-income people off the food stamp rolls, as this bill is poised to do. Contrary to Republican charges that growing food stamp enrollment signals a decline into dependency, the program is functioning as it was designed to, responding to economic distress by making sure families have food. That’s humane—the program kept 2.1 million children out of poverty in 2011 by providing food assistance to low-income families—and it’s also fiscally effective: People who aren’t hungry are more productive.

The House bill promises to undercut the food stamp program precisely where it’s most promising. The bill would penalize recipients who have built small savings or who own a modest car, assets known to help people find employment and regain self-sufficiency.

Some 210,000 low-income children also stand to lose free school meals, negating a sensible investment in current learning and future productivity if there ever was one. Benefit cuts for an additional 1.7 million people included in the bill would disproportionately hurt low-income seniors, people with disabilities and working-poor families with children. Over 80 percent of households that receive benefits live below the poverty line.

Some in Congress complain that an expanding food stamp system is ripe for abuse. But in fact, the program has a low and steadily dropping fraud rate, and the vision of impoverished people living lavishly off \$1.48 per meal is a mean-spirited fiction. Americans should not starve. This program deserves to continue, as a matter of moral responsibility and fiscal common sense.

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Liger and tigon

After our whole day outing at Shenyang’s Bird Island, we took another day off during the dragon boat festival holidays to revisit the Siberian tiger drive-through 30-km outskirts of Shenyang. North of Harbin in Heilongjiang Province operates an open Siberian tiger park where the gawkers are penned in moving vehicles driven along paths where the cats normally reside and wander. (Before the alluvial plains along the Yangtze was fully settled, Sung literature depicts tigers roaming as far south as Fujian.)

When the Guaipo Shenyang Park opened last year, we saw gaunt and emaciated royal felines of the Manchurian plains, perhaps resentful of their confinement in limited quarters. Fierce members of the Felidae family were in three electrically charged high-fenced enclosures with remote-controlled rolling gates to allow vehicles with tourist penned inside iron bar-armored buses to click their cameras away.

We learned a few months later that the camp ran out of food. The harsh winter hard on the morale of incarcerated felines resulted in massive deaths. We went back to see how the survivors fared this summer. This time, the proprietors were prepared. For a dollar-and-a-half (10 RMB), customers can buy a quarter kilo of fresh bloody meat to feed the tigers!

Ever the language instructor, we noticed immediately the new words that intruded into our vocab database. We were ushered to the *liger* and *tigon*.

We are familiar with the mule (male donkey and female horse) and the hinny (male horse and female donkey), but were ignorant of the liger (a cross between a male lion and a female tiger), and the tigon (male tiger and female lion), which are known to be rare but real. The inter-species issue is sterile.

We saw also a white tiger from two regressive genes among the ferocious Bengali tigers penned in the camp. Thought to be rare and unproductive, it, however, looked impressive on its white mane. Though the whole camp is predominantly for the Siberian herd, the Bengali in separate pens take on a secondary presence, along with the jaguar, the leopard, and the lion.

There were smaller and less vicious cats, wild dogs like the hyena and a scrawny duo, and this being China, the well-groomed Pekinese. The drawing corral for mamas and their tots (for a fee to enter and have picture taken) were two playful young tigers. An infant monkey rode horse on their backs, all innocent and unmindful of their animosities when grown, nor the human’s intrusive presence.

The fowls were in one enclosure that had flocks of colorful chickens and ducks, swans and geese, peacocks and cranes, among others. Another enclosure had rabbits and squirrels, and all sizes of rodents that entertained the crowds when they fought over the proffered food. The S. American camelid of the Andes, the llama, lived with the Siberian sitka deers of the brown polka-dotted skins.

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They, too, were favored animals for feeding fresh green leaves on branches by the toddlers.

Juvenile boys and their papas put meat on a stick to the huge non-Siberian cats in pens, teasing them with the food to elicit ferocious growls. But the black bears got the mamas’ attention. There were two kinds: the lazy tiny ones, which I thought existed only as imaginary creatures in comic books and movie cartoons. There are really live ones who just lounge about in their high-perched turrets basking in the sun. The mamas and their entourage delighted in the second kind, the bigger bears with apples on a stick. The black bears stood on their hind legs and did a full pirouette before extending their paws for a sliced half or quarter of an apple.

It took two circuitous buses to get to the place, taking a full hour each, so two hours going and two hours returning took more than half of our planned time for the day. We had a full two-hour walk around, and when clouds shrouded the sun, the lounging tigers finally sat up majestically at their knolls, and roared like the royals of the range they were. We got the camera clicking from a distance until the battery power called it quits.

It was the “liger” and “tigon” words that got us on the etymological train of thought. We tend to be formal on rules and proper usage in language training, and the Chinese students want to follow Australian, British, Canadian, NZ and U.S. leads. SAU adheres to the formal language of scientific research, metaphorical phrases, and philosophical verbiage on students’ essays. We go proletarian, blessing the gifts of ChEnglish and/or EnglisCh, as long as they are effectively used.

We go by the numbers. There is one Chinese for every five persons in the planet. As use is the primary criteria for meaning, EnglisCh can affect the lingo’s evolution rather than the other way around. And why not? On the southside of Chicago, the street lingo has no relations to the English spoken at the neighboring universities.

Lidar (a portmanteau of “light” and “radar”) shot from the air by archaeologists just discovered the massive and sophisticated urban landscape around Angkor Wat in the Siem Reap province of Kam-puchea. Acronym’d “Laser Imaging, Detection and Ranging,” we get words like this all the time at the university! But, obviously, this will have to wait for another telling.

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Qualities of a leader

By **JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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A young college student quizzed what comprises the qualities of a good leader? Had to recoil and defer to experience and vision to see the answer with clarity. I mean, there's more followership today than there's leadership. When mired in the former you end up singing, "I've bent so long I thought it was up." Leadership is less about your needs and more of the needs of others and the organization you're leading. We took a joint review and came up with the following:

Verbal communication skills: Proficient oratory skills are essential for a leader to undertake public speaking. He needs to articulate his words with clarity and to project his voice confidently and assertively. While speaking, he must be persuasive and able to empower others into action. A leader must be competent in his role and demonstrate good team-working skills—having the ability to listen, to cooperate, to liaise with others, to negotiate and to head a team.

Honest and trustworthy: To gain public trust, a leader needs to be frank, trustworthy, and fair-minded. Honesty is not a trait that can be learned, as it needs to be innate for it to be sincere. It is essential that a leader is genuine in his purpose, to gain the confidence of his team or to promote a good public image. Self-worth is important, because if a leader cannot believe in his own abilities, how can he expect to gain the respect of his team. He should also treat others equally to make others feel of value.

Visionary: What makes a good leader is his scope of vision. He needs to be a forward thinker, able to plan ahead and to deal with any eventuality. Having the imagination to see outside the box is essential for him to be able to solve problems. Being broadminded is also helpful so that he can consider all options open to him without being judgmental during her leadership. Being a dynamic thinker, able to inspire others to follow him, is also a very valuable leadership skill.

Strength of character: Possessing a strong character is useful in a leading position. Often a leader—such as a politician or a military leader—needs to be bold and courageous when facing unpredictable and sometimes difficult situations. Therefore, he needs to be an excellent decision maker. Such a leader has to be able to take responsibility for his actions and often on behalf of the team under his command.

The final test of leadership is results. A leader needs to execute a strategic vision and use political and managerial competence: the ability to mobilize negotiate, engage and coach. These skills can be acquired, and are independent of charisma and personality. It's about leadership, not followership, as is often the case today.

Medicaid vs health

Medicaid funds help patients deal with the cost of healthcare. It allows a good number of our people to deal with this hefty health cost given their income level. Equally concerning are those who have to buy private health insurance policies situated right above the threshold that defines "poverty income" level.

Reportedly, some 15,000 people are in the Medicaid program, a troubling tale all the way around. The hidden aspect many would likely overlook is the progression of health deterioration among recipients down the stretch. Didn't we spend about \$19 million last fiscal year on medical referral? Obviously, this form of assistance isn't going to help improve the health of our people; it's matter of personal responsibility, isn't it? How do we encourage them to step up to the plate of personal responsibility?

While Medicaid scaffolds a healthy percentage of CHC's operations under Obamacare, it equally adversely affects employment

in private industries. Obamacare doubles health premiums when it kicks in in two years.

This is especially hard for families who hardly make ends meet but hold on to their health policies knowing the difficulties of opting out. But some have had no choice but to pull out of it altogether. Every penny counts, what with the prohibitive cost of utilities and other obligational needs spiking every other full moon. No matter the argument, it all leads back to the economic disaster at home, *di ba?* Eh, you men of wisdom: Can you reduce the cost of living *lai?*

Unpaid medical expenses

That their treatment—beyond ambulatory cases—could only be handled in the only public hospital turns this expense (patients without health insurance) into costs we shoulder in the taxes we pay, true? You begin to quiz what's the cost passed on to other taxpayers by this category of patients.

Those immediately above the poverty income level are hardest hit. This often leads to decisions like foregoing private health insurance to shore up more pennies into the family pocketbook. This is further exacerbated by their non-qualification for food stamps given their income. It's a case that merits critical review in that it seems a pathway to encouraging more of our people to aborting individual industry in favor of relying upon federal dole. It's bad all around down the stretch.

Anyway, health and the entire nine yards is an interesting sector that has poked my interest to assist explore what the beast is all about and how do we resolve them. From negligence on cross contamination, dialysis patients suffering from skin discoloration and death over a span of five years after treatment begins, to the cost of rooms per day; genetics and non-genetics health issues, etc. I'd be looking for some rock solid answers from the experts.

There's also the mindset that CHC is available to handle all health issues. In other words, personal health responsibility is handed to doctors and nurses over the self. For instance, folks now trust and rely on hemodialysis clinics as their ultimate answer for renal failure. I'm no longer confused but amused by this mindset.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CCA board thanks MMAC supporters

The Commonwealth Cancer Association board of directors, president David B. Rosario and members of the board would like to express their gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to the many individuals, organizations, families, partners, and sponsors who helped make the 2013 Marianas March Against Cancer fundraiser a resounding success. For over a decade, the MMAC has been CCA's signature annual fundraising event. This year's event marked the 11th year of hard work, commitment, and teamwork of many dedicated volunteers that have made CCA's services and programs successful in our community. The event was held on April 26-27, 2013, at Hopwood Jr. High School Field.

The CCA board thanks and recognizes the following:

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"All the services provided by the Commonwealth Cancer Association, such as the \$500 direct patient assistance, awareness, education and prevention programs are funded by the annual Marianas March Against Cancer," board president Rosario said. "The sea of support from our community and generous individuals who contribute their time and resources to MMAC, many of whom have willingly and graciously participated year after year have made our programs successful through out the years. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

Setting the bar low

Does it really take a person with a GED education to perform a job as complex as that of the CPA executive director? The CPA executive director position has a history of its own and perhaps we could draw some data and ascertainable qualification standards CPA used to fill this position in past job announcements. Airport manager job is not just an ordinary type of job, it requires an extensive job content know-how, problem solving and accountability expectations and standards.

Ensuring the safe and efficient operation of our airports and seaports on a daily basis would require real-life work experiences and professional knowledge, abilities, and skills that are learned no other places than in an airport or seaport setting, and would require at least a bachelor's degree in airport management, aviation manage-

ment, business management, public administration or related field of study. A bachelor's degree of formal education appears to be the floor minimum of attained education level of most airport manager positions in jurisdictions of similar and comparable size as that of the CNMI. Setting the minimum education level for the CPA executive director position at the GED diploma level would make the CNMI jurisdiction as appearing to be compromising on the type and caliber of person it is searching to fill a very important and critical position. Setting the job qualification standard to a bare minimum of a GED level education is troubling and would draw the attention of gatekeepers who may be prompted to determine whether this course of action by CPA would be good for the traveling public.

The bottom line to all this would depend on how our CPA actu-






ally figured out this qualification standard as sufficient and justified. This has to be resolved in time, otherwise, when a person is placed in this position and subsequent to the hiring some major bad incident involving CPA would draw attention to the failure of CPA in hiring the best qualified candidate for this position. If the grooming of a person for this position is the motive to all this effort, that would be the future case in point, without a doubt. On the other hand, is this a cause for outrage by our elected representatives? OPM and CSC? Just wondering why silence abounds with these gatekeepers who are charged with protecting the public good.

Francisco R. Agulto
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The Weather

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TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼76
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲90 ▼78
Chuuk	Showers	▲85 ▼79
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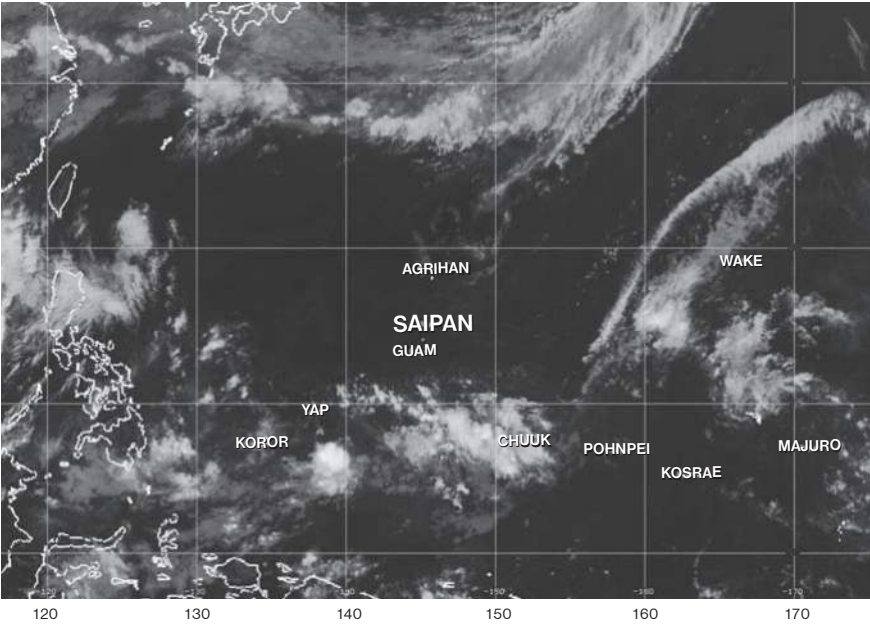
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Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼82
Honolulu	Sunny	▲84 ▼72
London	Partly Cloudy	▲63 ▼48
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲75 ▼62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲92 ▼80
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲59 ▼44
Miami	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼79
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼71
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲83 ▼70
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲63 ▼47
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲79 ▼70
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲75 ▼62
Salem	Rain	▲66 ▼58
San Francisco	Cloudy	▲62 ▼56
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲82 ▼68
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲78 ▼69
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼73

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Saipan Harbor				
3:01 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet	
8:02 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet	
3:27 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet	
10:26 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2013

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough curves eastward through 7N130E and a weak circulation centered south of Yap at 6N139E to end at 9N150E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present across Chuuk and south of Yap within 160 miles of a line from 5N138E to 8N145E to 8N153E. Convergent winds south of the trough are generating scattered showers southwest of Koror west of a line from 6N133E to EQ137E. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north of Kwajalein within 150 miles of a line from 14N165E to 10N169E and east of Majuro between 3N and 7N from 173E to 180. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms southwest of Wake Island within 120 miles of a line from 13N160E to 18N163E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Tuesday	5:49 AM	6:50 PM
Wednesday	5:49 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:49 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:35 PM	6:19 AM
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Wednesday	9:23 PM	8:27 AM
Thursday	10:11 PM	9:27 AM
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UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily	UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily				
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	1, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)				KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN			
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7	SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7
SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)				VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN			
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UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN				
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OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 1750	17:50	18:20	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 400				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
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FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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Task Force Guam reaches 2,000 mission mark in Afghanistan

Sgt. Wade Williams of Foxtrot Company of Task Force Guam maintains a lookout during a Guardian Angel mission in Kandahar Province while deployed to Afghanistan June 2013.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



First Lt. Peter Guerrero, Alpha Company Commander, keeps a watchful eye as passengers of his convoy return to the vehicle after a meeting in Mazar-i-Sharif in northern Afghanistan while on deployment as part of Task Force Guam May 2013.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Soldiers of 1st Platoon, Bravo Company of the 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment or Task Force Guam as they are known in theater, conduct a Personal Security Detachment mission at Main Operating Base Lash in the Lashkar Gah District of Helmand Province in Afghanistan May 2013.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



CAMP PHOENIX, KABUL, Afghanistan—Almost two months into their deployment, soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment have already covered more than 25,000 miles providing transportation and security to approximately 10,000 key leaders, military personnel, and civilians throughout Afghanistan.

The battalion operates in Afghanistan as Task Force Guam and works as part of the NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan, an international coalition tasked with assisting the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in developing accountable, Afghan-led security forces.

Task Force Guam Commander Lt. Col. Michael Tougher lauded his troops for the mission milestone.

“Soldiers of the 1-294th Infantry Regiment are making an impressive contribution to the overall effort of the NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan. I am extremely proud of each and every one of them,” Tougher said.

The unit’s recent accomplishments mark a significant milestone in the battalion’s short but proud history. Although faced with significant and daunting challenges early on, Task Force Guam has continued to demonstrate its island pride and commitment each day, according to battalion spokesman Capt. Gordon Guerrero.

Task Force Guam is organized into seven companies with the majority of missions focused on “outside the wire” activities. The tally of missions throughout the battalion since the beginning of May is more than 2,000 with a single company conducting more than 800 of those missions.

The remaining companies carry a fair share of the load as well. Overall, Task Force Guam has already driven more than 25,000 miles and spent approximately 8,000 hours on mission.

Task Force Guam Command Sgt. Maj. Melchor Hennegan said he was amazed at the number of missions the soldiers of the Chamorri battalion have racked up.

“We’re focused. Soldiers are going beyond expectations and their initiatives are at a high level,” said Hennegan. “I travel to all regional support commands and I’m constantly told about how well the Guam battalion operates. I see soldiers in every level doing the right thing, being mission focused. I expect them to perform at a top level, but they’re taking it to an even higher level in a short time.”

“Despite the difficult challenges with the loss of two warriors, we’re still a strong, professional organization. From top to bottom, we’re focused on what’s ahead,” he added.

The battalion was first con-

stituted on Oct. 1, 1987, in the Guam Army National Guard as the 294th Infantry Regiment under the United States Regimental System. The battalion has answered the call in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from 2004 through present and has mobilized to the Horn of Africa, Afghani-

stan, and the Philippines.

The Guam Army National Guard has supported overseas contingency operations with individuals, squads and companies, but its recent deployment marks the largest mobilization of Guam Guardsmen to date. (*Task Force Guam Public Affairs Office*)



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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

for the
Saipan International Airport Runway 25 PAPI/REIL Installation
Project No. CPA-SA-001-11

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform construction management services for the Saipan International Airport Runway 25 PAPI/REIL Installation, Project No. CPA-SA-001-11, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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- Quality of projects previously undertaken and capability to complete projects without having major cost escalations or overruns;
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- Firms must have a valid CNMI Business License and the ability to perform the construction management activities in the CNMI.

Interested firms must submit one (1) original and four (4) copies each of their statements of professional qualifications for each service offered no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, July 5, 2013.

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330. Only firms who have established an office in the Commonwealth and a valid business license will be considered.

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ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ROOF LEAK REPAIRS
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Business

Newly insured to deepen primary care doctor gap

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Getting face time with the family doctor could soon become even harder.

A shortage of primary care physicians in some parts of the country is expected to worsen as millions of newly insured Americans gain coverage under the federal health care law next year. Doctors could face a backlog, and patients could find it difficult to get quick appointments.

Attempts to address the provider gap have taken on increased urgency ahead of the law's full implementation Jan. 1, but many of the potential solutions face a backlash from influential groups or will take years to bear fruit.

Lobbying groups representing doctors have questioned the safety of some of the proposed changes, argued they would encourage less collaboration among health professionals and suggested they could create a two-tiered health system offering unequal treatment.

Bills seeking to expand the scope of practice of dentists, dental therapists, optometrists, psychologists, nurse practitioners and others have been killed or watered down in numerous states. Other states have proposed expanding student loan reimbursements, but money for doing so is tight.

As fixes remain elusive, the shortfall of primary care physicians is expected to grow.

Nearly one in five Americans already lives in a region designated as having a shortage of primary care physicians, and the number of doctors entering the field isn't expected keep pace with demand. About a quarter million primary care doctors work in America now, and the Association of American Medical Colleges projects the shortage will reach almost 30,000 in two years and will grow to about 66,000 in little more than a decade. In some cases, nurses and physician assistants help fill in the gap.

The national shortfall can be attributed to a number of factors: The population has both aged and become more chronically ill, while doctors and clinicians have migrated to specialty fields such as dermatology or cardiology for higher pay and better hours.

The shortage is especially acute in impoverished inner cities and rural areas, where it already takes many months, years in some cases, to hire doctors, health professionals say.

"I'm thinking about putting our human resources manager on the street in one of those costumes with a 'We will hire you' sign," said Doni Miller, chief executive of the Neighborhood Health Association in Toledo, Ohio. One of her clin-



In this March 28, 2013 photo, medical resident Stephanie Place, right, examines 2-month-old twins Abigale, left, and Valeria Lopez as their mother, Carolina Lopez, left, helps, at the Erie Family Health Center, in Chicago.

ics has had a physician opening for two years.

In southern Illinois, the 5,500 residents of Gallatin County have no hospital, dentist or full-time doctor. Some pay \$50 a year for an air ambulance service that can fly them to a hospital in emergencies. Women deliver babies at hospitals an hour away.

The lack of primary care is both a fact of life and a detriment to health, said retired teacher and community volunteer Kappy Scates of Shawnee town, whose doctor is 20 miles away in a neighboring county.

"People without insurance or a medical card put off going to the doctor," she said. "They try to take care of their kids first."

In some areas of rural Nevada, patients typically wait seven to 10 days to see a doctor.

"Many, many people are not taking new patients," said Kerry Ann Aguirre, director of business development at Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital, a 45-bed facility in Elko, a town of about 18,500 that is a four-hour drive from Reno, the nearest sizable city.

Nevada is one of the states with the lowest rate per capita of active primary care physicians, along with Mississippi, Utah, Texas and Idaho, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges.

The problem will become more acute nationally when about 30 million uninsured people eventually gain coverage under the Affordable Care Act, which takes full effect next year.

"There's going to be lines for the newly insured, because

many physicians and nurses who trained in primary care would rather practice in specialty roles," says Dr. David Goodman of the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice.

Roughly half of those who will gain coverage under the Affordable Care Act are expected to go into Medicaid, the federal-state program for the poor and disabled. States can opt to expand Medicaid, and at least 24 and the District of Columbia plan to.

In Ohio, which is weighing the Medicaid expansion, about one in 10 residents already lives in an area underserved for primary care.

Mark Bridenbaugh runs rural health centers in six southeastern Ohio counties, including the only primary care provider in Vinton County. The six counties could see some of the state's largest enrollments of new Medicaid patients per capita under the expansion.

As he plans for potential vacancies and an influx of patients, Bridenbaugh tries to identify potential hires when they start their residencies—several years before they can work for him.

"It's not like we have people falling out of the sky, waiting to come work for us," he said.

State legislatures working to address the shortfall are finding that fixes are not easy.

Bills to expand the roles of nurse practitioners, optometrists and pharmacists have been met with pushback in California. Under the proposals, optometrists could check for high blood pressure and cholesterol

while pharmacists could order diabetes testing. But critics, including physician associations, have said such changes would lead to inequalities in the health care system—one for people who have access to doctors and another for people who don't.

In New Mexico, a group representing dentists helped defeat a bill that would have allowed so-called dental therapists to practice medicine. And in Illinois, the state medical society succeeded in killing or gutting

bills this year that would have given more medical decision-making authority to psychologists, dentists and advanced practice nurses.

Other states are experimenting with ways to fill the gap.

Texas has approved two public medical schools in the last three years to increase the supply of family doctors and other needed physicians. New York is devoting millions of dollars to programs aimed at putting more doctors in underserved

areas. Florida allowed optometrists to prescribe oral medications—including pills—to treat eye diseases.

The federal health care law attempts to address the anticipated shortage by including incentives to bolster the primary care workforce and boost training opportunities for physicians' assistants and nurse practitioners. It offers financial assistance to support doctors in underserved areas and increases the level of Medicaid reimbursements for those practicing primary care.

Providers are recruiting young doctors as they gear up for the expansion.

Stephanie Place, 28, a primary care resident at Northwestern University's medical school in Chicago, received hundreds of emails and phone calls from recruiters and health clinics before she accepted a job this spring.

The heavy recruitment meant she had no trouble fulfilling her dream of staying in Chicago and working in an underserved area with a largely Hispanic population. She'll also be able to pay off \$160,000 in student loans through a federal program aimed at encouraging doctors to work in areas with physician shortages.

Place said the federal law turned needed attention to primary care as a specialty among medical students.

"Medical students see it as a vibrant, evolving, critical area of health care," she said.

Even so, many experts say the gap between doctors and those gaining care under the health reforms in many parts of the country will not close quickly.

United Airlines orders new Airbus aircraft

CHICAGO—United Airlines announced Friday an order with Airbus for new A350-1000 aircraft. The agreement converts United's existing order for 25 A350-900s into A350-1000s and adds 10 firm orders for A350-1000s, giving the airline a total order of 35 aircraft.

The increased seating capacity of the A350-1000 will enable United to replace older, less efficient aircraft currently serving long-range, high-demand markets.

United expects delivery starting in 2018.

"We look forward to taking delivery of the A350-1000," said Jeff Smisek, United's chairman, president and CEO. "This is a modern, fuel-efficient and advanced-technology aircraft that our customers and co-workers will enjoy flying. It will be a great addition to our fleet, and will allow us to meet demand on larger, long-haul markets in our world-leading network."

The A350-1000 is the largest member of the A350 WXB



Photo shows a computer rendering of the A350-1000.

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family and uses advanced materials including composites, titanium and aluminum alloys combined with the latest engine technology to make it lighter and more fuel efficient. The aircraft will consume approximately 20 percent less fuel per seat than the large widebody aircraft it will replace. It is powered by new-generation Rolls-Royce Trent engines. The cabin will offer an improved customer experience with more headroom, wider panoramic windows and more overhead storage space.

"Less than a week after the success of the A350 XWB's first flight, we see that demand for the new aircraft continues to grow, especially for the larger -1000 model. Airbus is proud to have United Airlines on board the exciting A350 program in such a significant way," said Fabrice Bregier, Airbus president and CEO. **(United)**

Nation

Obama to unveil climate plan in Tuesday speech

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama is preparing to unveil his long-awaited national plan to combat climate change in a major speech, he announced on Saturday.

"There's no single step that can reverse the effects of climate change," Obama said in an online video released by the White House. "But when it comes to the world we leave our children, we owe it to them to do what we can."

People consulting with White House officials on Obama's plan, to be unveiled Tuesday at Georgetown University, say they expect him to put forth regulations on heat-trapping gases emitted by existing coal-fired power plants. They were not authorized to disclose details about the plan ahead of the announcement and requested anonymity.

Environmental groups have been pleading with Obama to take that step, but the administration has said it's focused first on controls on new power plants. The Environmental Protection Agency, using its authority under the Clean Air Act, has already proposed controls on new plants, but the rules have been delayed—to the chagrin of states and environmental groups threatening to sue over the delays.

An administration official said last week that Obama was still weighing whether to include existing plants in the climate plan. The official wasn't authorized to comment by name and requested anonymity.

The White House wouldn't disclose any details Saturday about what steps Obama may call for. But his senior energy and climate adviser, Heather

Zichal, said last week that controls on greenhouse gas emissions from power plants would be a major focus. She also said the plan would boost energy efficiency of appliances and buildings, plus expand renewable energy.

Putting a positive spin on a contentious partisan issue, Obama said the U.S. is uniquely poised to deal with the serious challenges posed by climate change. He said American scientists and engineers would have to design new fuels and energy sources, and workers will have to adapt to a clean energy economy.

"We'll need all of us, as citizens, to do our part to preserve God's creation for future generations," Obama said.

Environmental groups have for months been push-

ing Obama to make good on a threat he issued to lawmakers in February in his State of the Union address: "If Congress won't act soon to protect future generations, I will." Obama's move to take the matter into his own hands appears to reflect a growing consensus that opposition in Congress is too powerful for any meaningful, sweeping climate legislation to pass anytime soon.

"They shouldn't wait for Congress to act, because they'll be out of office by the time that Congress gets its act together," Rep. Henry Waxman, the top Democrat on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said in an interview.

Environmental groups applauded the announcement that Obama was finally releasing a plan for executive action, but

made clear they want to see firm proposals—including controls for existing power plants.

"Combating climate change means curbing carbon pollution—for the first time ever—from the biggest single source of such dangerous gases: our coal-fired power plants," said Frances Beinecke, president of the National Resources Defense Council. "We stand ready to help President Obama in every way we can."

Another key issue hanging over the announcement—but unlikely to be mentioned on Tuesday—is Keystone XL, a pipeline that would carry oil extracted from tar sands in western Canada to refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast. A concerted campaign by environmental activists to persuade Obama to nix the pipeline appears to be an uphill battle. The White House insists the State Department is making the decision independently.

Wing walker, pilot die in crash at Ohio air show

CINCINNATI (AP)—A plane carrying a wing walker crashed at an air show and exploded into flames Saturday, killing the pilot and stunt walker, authorities said.

The crash of the 450 HP Stearman happened at around 12:45 p.m. at the Vectren Air Show near Dayton in front of thousands of horrified spectators. No one else was hurt.

A video posted on WHIO-TV shows the plane turn upside-down as the performer sits on top of the wing. The plane then tilts and crashes to the ground, erupting into flames as spectators screamed.

Ian Hoyt, an aviation photographer and licensed pilot from Findlay, was at the show with his girlfriend. He told The Associated Press he was taking photos as the plane passed by and had just raised his camera to take another shot.

"Then I realized they were too low and too slow. And

before I knew it, they hit the ground," he said.

He couldn't tell exactly what happened, but it appeared that the plane stalled and didn't have enough air speed, he said. He credited the pilot for steering clear of spectators and potentially saving lives.

"Had he drifted more, I don't know what would have happened," Hoyt said. He said he had been excited to see the show because he'd never seen the scheduled performer—wing walker Jane Wicker—in action.

On the video, the announcer narrates as the plane glides through the sky and rolls over while the stuntwoman perches on a wing.

"Now she's still on that far side. Keep an eye on Jane. Keep an eye on Charlie. Watch this! Jane Wicker, sitting on top of the world," the announcer said, right before the plane makes a quick turn and nosedive.



Flames erupt from a plane after it crashed at the Vectren Air Show at the airport in Dayton, Ohio. The crash killed the pilot and stunt walker on the plane instantly, authorities said.

Snowden has left for a third country—Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP)—A former National Security Agency contractor wanted by the United States for revealing two highly classified surveillance programs has left for a "third country," the Hong Kong government said Sunday.

A statement from the government did not identify the country, but the South China Morning Post, which has been in contact with Edward Snowden, reported that he was on a plane for Moscow, but that Russia was not his final destination.

Snowden, who has been in hiding in Hong Kong for several weeks since he revealed information on the highly classified spy programs, has talked of seeking asylum in Iceland.

His departure came a day after the United States made a formal request for his extradition and warned Hong Kong against delaying the process of returning him to face trial in the U.S.

The Hong Kong government said Snowden left "on his own accord for a third country through a lawful and normal channel."

It acknowledged the U.S. extradition request, but said U.S. documentation did "fully comply with the legal requirements under Hong Kong law." It said



A banner supporting Edward Snowden, a former CIA employee who leaked top-secret documents about sweeping U.S. surveillance programs, is displayed at Central, Hong Kong's business district, Thursday, June 20, 2013.

additional information was requested from Washington, but since the Hong Kong government "has yet to have sufficient information to process the request for provisional warrant of arrest, there is no legal basis to restrict Mr. Snowden from leaving Hong Kong."

The statement said Hong Kong had informed the U.S. of Snowden's departure. It added that it wanted more information about alleged hacking of computer systems in Hong Kong by U.S. government agencies which Snowden had revealed.

Snowden's departure eliminates a possible fight between Washington and Beijing at a

time when China is trying to deflect U.S. accusations that it carries out extensive surveillance of American government and commercial operations. Hong Kong, a former British colony, has a high degree of autonomy and is granted rights and freedoms not seen on mainland China, but under the city's mini constitution Beijing is allowed to intervene in matters involving defense and diplomatic affairs.

Hong Kong has an extradition treaty with the U.S., but the document has some exceptions, including for crimes deemed political.

The Obama administration

on Saturday warned Hong Kong against delaying Snowden's extradition, with White House national security adviser Tom Donilon saying in an interview with CBS News, "Hong Kong has been a historically good partner of the United States in law enforcement matters, and we expect them to comply with the treaty in this case."

Snowden's departure came as the South China Morning Post released new allegations from Snowden that U.S. hacking targets in China included the nation's cellphone companies and two universities hosting extensive Internet traffic hubs.

He told the newspaper that "the NSA does all kinds of things like hack Chinese cellphone companies to steal all of your SMS data." It added that Snowden said he had documents to support the hacking allegations, but the report did not identify the documents. It said he spoke to the newspaper in a June 12 interview.

With a population of more than 1.3 billion, China has massive cellphone companies. China Mobile is the world's largest mobile network carrier with 735 million subscribers, followed by China Unicom with 258 million users and China Telecom with 172 million users.



ACROSS THE NATION

2 Mo. women charged in antifreeze poisoning deaths

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—A Missouri woman and her daughter confessed to fatally poisoning two relatives with antifreeze and attempting to kill a third over a 14-month period, according to court documents. Diane Staudte, 51, of Springfield, was charged Friday with two counts of

first-degree murder, one count of first-degree assault and one count of armed criminal action. Her daughter, Rachel Staudte, 22, was charged with the same counts Saturday. Both women are jailed without bond. A spokeswoman for the Greene County prosecutor's office didn't immediately return an email Saturday from The Associated Press. It wasn't clear if the women had attorneys.

Wildfire grows, but teams work to save Colo. town

DEL NORTE, Colo. (AP)—A wildfire threatening a tourist region in southwestern Colorado mushroomed to about 100 square miles Saturday, but officials said that they remained optimistic they could protect the town of South Fork. The rapid advance of the erratic blaze prompted the evacuation of hun-

dreds of summer visitors and the town's 400 permanent residents Friday, and it could be days before people are allowed back into their homes, cabins and RV parks, fire crew spokeswoman Laura McConnell said. South Fork Mayor Kenneth Brooke estimated that 1,000 to 1,500 people were forced to flee. Saturday night, officials provided an estimate of the size of the wildfire burning through a rugged and

remote mountainous region, but said they wouldn't have a better idea of its size until infrared imaging is done overnight.

4 workers hurt in Texas A&M construction accident

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP)—Four workers were hurt, three critically, after a barn frame collapsed Saturday at an \$80 million Texas A&M

University equestrian complex that's under construction. The collapse happened on university property about a mile from the main campus, Texas A&M spokesman Lane Stephenson said. College Station and Bryan fire departments, campus police and Texas A&M emergency medical personnel all responded to the accident, which happened shortly before 11 a.m. Saturday.

Asia

Gunmen kill 9 foreign tourists, one Pakistani

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Gunmen wearing police uniforms killed nine foreign tourists and one Pakistani before dawn Sunday as they were visiting one of

the world's highest mountains in a remote area of northern Pakistan, officials said.

The foreigners who were killed included five Ukraini-

ans, three Chinese and one Russian, said Pakistani Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan. One Chinese tourist was rescued, he said.

The attack took place at the base camp of Nanga Parbat, the ninth highest mountain in the world. It's unclear if they were planning to climb the mountain or

were just visiting the base camp, which is located in the Gilgit-Baltistan region of Pakistan.

The shooting is likely to damage the country's struggling tourism industry. Pakistan's mountainous north - considered until now relatively safe - is one of the main attractions in a country beset with insurgency and other political instability.

The gunmen were wearing uniforms used by the Frontier Constabulary, a paramilitary police force that patrols the area, said a senior local government official. The attackers beat up the Pakistanis who were accompanying the tourists, took their money and tied them up,

said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

They checked the identities of the Pakistanis and shot to death one of them, possibly because he was a minority Shiite Muslim, said the official. Although Gilgit-Baltistan is a relatively peaceful area, it has experienced attacks by radical Sunni Muslims on Shiites in recent years.

The attackers took the money and passports from the foreigners and then gunned them down, said the official. It's unclear how the Chinese tourist who was rescued managed to avoid being killed.



AP

In this Tuesday, June 11, 2013 photo, Afghan soldier Naqibullah Qarizada hunches over a knee-high robot armed with cameras attaching four bottles of water and a tiny explosive charge to defuse a mine during an IED defusing training exercise on the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan.

Afghans rush to learn risky art of defusing bombs

CAMP BLACK HORSE, Afghanistan (AP)—In a desolate field outside Kabul, an Afghan soldier hunches over a knee-high robot equipped with cameras, multidirectional pincers and tank-treads built for rough terrain. Carefully, he attaches four bottles of water and a tiny explosive charge to the robot. He uses a remote control to guide it 50 meters (yards) away to his target: a simulated backpack bomb.

"Explosion! Explosion! Explosion!" shouts the soldier, Naqibullah Qarizada, in a warning to others nearby. Then he remotely detonates the charge.

A small dust cloud kicks up. If all has gone well, the blast has pushed the water into the bomb with enough force to knock out its triggering mechanism. But to be safe, his partner, Hayatullah, climbs into a heavy protective suit before lumbering over to pluck out the blasting cap and seal it in a fortified box.

The two men are among hundreds of Afghan soldiers training to take over the dangerous fight against the war's biggest killers: the Taliban-planted

bombs known as IEDs that kill and maim thousands of people each year on and around the country's roads and towns.

A few years ago, there were almost no Afghan bomb disposal experts. Now, there are 369—but that's far from enough. The international coalition is rushing to train hundreds more before the exit of most coalition forces by the end of next year.

Each day on average, two to three roadside or buried bombs explode somewhere in Afghanistan, according to numbers compiled by the United Nations, which says that the explosives killed 868 civilians last year, 40 percent of the civilian deaths in insurgent attacks. Among international forces, buried or roadside bombs accounted for 64 percent of the 3,300 coalition troops killed or wounded last year, the NATO force says.

Known in military parlance as improvised explosives devices (IEDs), the bombs have long been a favorite Taliban weapon that can be remotely detonated by radio or mobile phone when a target passes by or triggered by pressure, like a

vehicle driving over it.

The U.S. military has over the years developed advanced detection and disposal techniques that manage to defuse about 40 to 50 IEDs each day, says Col. Ace Campbell, chief of the Counter-IED training unit. The coalition is working to transfer that knowledge to the Afghans who will be responsible once most foreign troops leave next year, and Campbell says Afghan teams are now finding and disposing about half of the bombs most days.

"Whenever I hear about an IED or I find one myself—maybe you will laugh, but I become very happy," says Hayatullah, 28, who has completed the highest level of training and like many Afghans uses just one name. "I am happy because it is my duty to defuse it, and I will save the lives of several people."

Hayatullah also has a personal reason for his chosen profession—his father was killed in a mine explosion. He was just 13 when unknown attackers planted two anti-personnel mines outside their home in Parwan province, and he says

the memory fuels his desire to save others.

5 tons of ivory tusks destroyed in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine government workers used a backhoe and an incinerator Friday to crush and burn more than 5 tons of smuggled elephant tusks worth an estimated \$10 million in the biggest known destruction of trafficked ivory outside Africa.

The government said that the destruction of the stockpile, gathered from seizures since 2009, demonstrates its commitment to fighting the illegal ivory trade. It also eliminates any opportunity for corrupt officials to resell the ivory, as was the case in 2006 when the largest single shipment of 3.7 tones vanished from the inventory, according to an international network that tracks the illegal trade.

"Ivory is known to have disappeared from a number of government-held stockpiles worldwide, so it is vital that proper protocols are established," said Colman O Criodain from the World Wide Fund for Nature.

The U.S. Agency for Inter-

national Development and the anti-wildlife-trafficking Freeland Foundation said they were helping the Philippines analyze DNA of tusks at the Center for Conservation Biology of the University of Washington so that law enforcement agencies will know the origin and transit points of the smuggled ivory. It will also help to dismantle criminal syndicates responsible for poaching in Africa.

"This not only sends a message to wildlife traffickers that the Philippine government is taking firm action against the illegal ivory trade, but also takes a stand against corruption by burning their ivory stockpile so it cannot be stolen then sold into the black market," said Steven Galster, director of Bangkok-based Freeland Foundation.

Ivory can fetch up to \$2,000 per kilogram (\$910 per pound) on the black market and more than \$50,000 for an entire tusk.

The Elephant Trade Information System, which tracks the il-

legal trade on behalf of the 1989 Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, says that the Philippines is among nine countries and territories identified as being most heavily implicated in the illegal trade. The others are Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Malaysia, Vietnam, Hong Kong, China and Thailand.

The Philippines is a transit point but also is known for its carving industry producing religious sculptures and artifacts.

Last year, National Geographic magazine featured an ivory collection allegedly belonging to a Roman Catholic priest, Monsignor Cristobal Garcia, who was suspended in 2012 by the Vatican because of a sex abuse case. The Philippines' National Bureau of Investigation has said it would question Garcia over the origin of the ivory icons.

Officer Sixto Comia said Friday he had not received any reports on the result of the investigation.

World

Brazil protesters vent rage at govt corruption



Demonstrators once again took to the streets of Brazil on Saturday, continuing a wave of protests that have shaken the nation and pushed the government to promise a crackdown on corruption and greater spending on social services.

SAO PAULO (AP)—A quarter-million Brazilians took to the streets in the latest a wave of sometimes-violent protests that are increasingly focusing on corruption and reforming a government system in which people have lost faith. A new poll shows

that 75 percent of citizens support the demonstrations. The turnout in Saturday's protests was lower than the 1 million participants seen on Thursday and there was less violence. But in the city of Belo Horizonte police used tear gas

and rubber bullets to disperse protesters who tried to pass through a barrier and hurled rocks at a car dealership. The city of Salvador also saw demonstrations turn violent. The protests have become the largest public demonstrations

Latin America's biggest nation has seen in two decades. They began as opposition to transportation fare hikes, then became a laundry list of causes including anger at high taxes, poor services and World Cup spending, before coalescing

Syrian regime, rebels step up offensives

BEIRUT (AP)—Syrian government forces stepped up their attack against rebel strongholds north of the capital, Damascus on Saturday, while opposition fighters declared their own offensive in the country's largest city Aleppo. The fighting in Damascus came as the Syrian government

announced salary increases for state employees and members of the military, days after the Syrian currency dipped to a record low of 210 pounds to the dollar compared with 47 when the crisis began more than two years ago. The raise also covered pensions. Both sides intensified opera-

tions as an 11-nation group that includes the U.S., dubbed the Friends of Syria, began meeting in Qatari capital of Doha to discuss how to coordinate military aid and other forms of assistance to the rebels seeking to oust Syrian President Bashar Assad. The donors agreed on Saturday to do more to help the

embattled rebels trying to overthrow Assad, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said. While he offered no specifics, Kerry said the assistance would help change the balance on the battlefield. Kerry also denounced Assad for inviting Iranian and Hezbollah fighters to fight alongside his troops, saying the Syrian president risked turning the civil war into a regional sectarian conflict.

around the issue of rampant government corruption. Many protesters were not appeased by a prime-time television address Friday night by President Dilma Rousseff, who said that peaceful protests were welcome and emphasized that she would not condone corruption. She also said she would meet with movement leaders and create a plan to improve urban transportation and use oil royalties for investments in education. "Dilma is underestimating the resolve of the people on the

corruption issue," said Mayara Fernandes, a medical student who took part in a march in Sao Paulo. "She talked and talked and said nothing. Nobody can take the corruption of this country anymore." A new poll published Saturday in the weekly magazine Epoca showed that three-quarters of Brazilians support the protests. The poll was carried out by the respected Ibope institute. It interviewed 1,008 people across Brazil June 16-20 and has a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

Gaza singer gives Palestinians a reason to smile

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—Palestinians relished a rare moment of pride and national unity Saturday after a 23-year-old wedding singer from a refugee camp in the Gaza Strip won "Arab Idol," a regional TV singing contest watched by millions of people.

The singer with the bright smile and warm voice had put Palestinian pride center stage during the competition. In a performance Friday, many in the audience in the TV studio in Beirut jumped to their feet when he struck up his signature anthem to Palestinian nationalism, "Raise the kaffiyeh."

With the announcement of Mohammed Assaf's victory, fireworks lit up the sky over the West Bank and Gaza. Thousands who had watched the final show on outdoor screens in the two territories broke into cheers and chants of "Palestine, Palestine." In Gaza City, young men on motorcycles waved Palestinian flags and women dropped candy from balconies. Rasha Salman, 42, an engineer in Gaza City, was moved to tears. "He brought joy to our hearts and dried some of our wounds," she said. "For a few moments, he united us behind his cause, which is art."

The show, produced by the Saudi-owned MBC Group, was broadcast from the Lebanese capital. Now in its second season, this year's competition began in March with 27 contestants. Assaf, who was born to Palestinian parents in Libya and grew up in Gaza's Khan Younis refugee camp, almost didn't get to compete. He says he had to plead with Hamas to let him leave Gaza, then bribe Egyptian border guards to let him enter the country en route to Lebanon. A fellow Palestinian gave up his slot during the audition phase because he believed Assaf had a better chance at winning.

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Health & Fitness

WHO study: Third of women suffer domestic violence

LONDON (AP)—In the first major global review of violence against women, a series of reports released Thursday found that about a third of women have been physically or sexually assaulted by a former or current partner.

The head of the World Health Organization, Dr. Margaret Chan, called it “a global health problem of epidemic proportions,” and other experts said screening for domestic violence should be added to all levels of health care.

Among the findings: 40 percent of women killed worldwide were slain by an intimate partner, and being assaulted by a partner was the most common kind of violence experienced by women.

Researchers used a broad definition of domestic violence, and in cases where country data was incomplete, estimates were used to fill in the gaps. WHO defined physical violence as being slapped, pushed, punched, choked or attacked with a weapon. Sexual violence was defined as being physically forced to have sex, having sex for fear of what the partner might do and being compelled to do something sexual that was humiliat-

ing or degrading.

The report also examined rates of sexual violence against women by someone other than a partner and found about 7 percent of women worldwide had previously been a victim.

In conjunction with the report, WHO issued guidelines for authorities to spot problems earlier and said all health workers should be trained to recognize when women may be at risk and how to respond appropriately.

Globally, the WHO review found 30 percent of women are affected by domestic or sexual violence by a partner. The report was based largely on studies from 1983 to 2010. According to the United Nations, more than 600 million women live in countries where domestic violence is not considered a crime.

The rate of domestic violence against women was highest in Africa, the Middle East and South-east Asia, where 37 percent of women experienced physical or sexual violence from a partner at some point in their lifetimes. The rate was 30 percent in Latin America and 23 percent in North America. In Europe and Asia, it was 25 percent.

Some experts said screening



In this Thursday, July 30, 2009 file photo, shoes representing female victims of violence are displayed by protesters from the Chilean Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence in Santiago.

for domestic violence should be added to all levels of health care, such as obstetric clinics.

“It’s unlikely that someone would walk into an ER and disclose they’ve been assaulted,” said Sheila Sprague of McMaster University in Canada, who has researched domestic violence in women at orthopedic clinics. She was not connected

to the WHO report.

However, “over time, if women are coming into a fracture clinic or a pre-natal clinic, they may tell you they are suffering abuse if you ask,” she said.

For domestic violence figures, scientists analyzed information from 86 countries focusing on women and teens over the age of 15. They also assessed studies from 56 countries

on sexual violence by someone other than a partner, though they had no data from the Middle East. WHO experts then used modeling techniques to come up with global estimates for the percentage of women who are victims of violence.

Accurate numbers on women and violence are notoriously hard to pin down. A U.S. government survey reported almost

two years ago that 1 in 4 American women said they were violently attacked by their husbands or boyfriends, and 1 in 5 said they were victims of rape or attempted rape, with about half those cases involving intimate partners.

Some experts thought the rape estimate was extremely high but said it may have to do with the definition of assault. The results were from a survey that did not document the claims, which were made anonymously.

In a related paper published Thursday online in the journal *Lancet*, researchers found more than 38 percent of slain women are killed by a former or current partner, six times higher than the rate of men killed by their partners.

Heidi Stoeckl, one of the authors at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, said the figures were probably an underestimate. She and colleagues found that worldwide, a woman’s highest risk of murder was from a current or ex-partner.

In countries like India, Stoeckl said “honor killings,” where women are sometimes murdered over dowry disputes or perceived offenses like infidelity to protect the family’s reputation, add to the problem.

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FDA allows OTC morning-after pill, lifts age limit

WASHINGTON (AP)—The morning-after pill is finally going over-the-counter.

The Food and Drug Administration on Thursday approved unrestricted sales of Plan B One-Step, lifting all age limits on the emergency contraceptive.

The move came a week after the Obama administration ended months of back-and-forth legal battles by promising a federal judge it would take that step. Women’s health advocates had pushed for easier access to next-day birth control for more than a decade.

“Over-the-counter access to emergency contraceptive products has the potential to further decrease the rate of unintended pregnancies in the United States,” FDA drug chief Dr. Janet Woodcock said in a statement announcing the approval.

It wasn’t clear how quickly Plan B One-Step would move from behind pharmacy counters to sit on drugstore shelves. Until now, customers could buy that

morning-after pill and competing generic versions without a prescription only if they proved to a pharmacist that they were 17 or older. FDA said the product will have to be repackaged to reflect the change; maker Teva Women’s Health didn’t immediately respond. FDA has not lifted age limits on competing generics.

The morning-after pill contains a higher dose of the hormone in regular birth control pills. Taking it within 72 hours of rape, condom failure or just forgetting regular contraception can cut the chances of pregnancy by up to 89 percent, but it works best within the first 24 hours. If a girl or woman already is pregnant, the pill, which prevents ovulation or fertilization of an egg, has no effect.

Back in 2011, the FDA was preparing to allow over-the-counter sales of emergency contraceptives with no limits when Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius overruled her own

scientists in an unprecedented move. She said she worried that girls as young as 11 could use the pill with no supervision, a concern that President Barack Obama echoed.

In April, U.S. District Judge Edward Korman blasted that decision as putting politics ahead of science and ordered the FDA to allow unrestricted sales of emergency contraceptives. He said hardly any 11-year-olds would use the pill, which costs about \$50. The Obama administration lost a round in the appeals court, too, before telling the judge it would approve the one-pill brand.

Doctors’ groups and contraceptive advocates have long argued that easier access to emergency contraceptives would cut unintended pregnancies and said the drugs are safe even when used at young ages.

Social conservatives, in contrast, complain that lifting prescription requirements undermines the rights of parents and could endanger girls.

Severe egg allergy? There’s now a flu shot for you

ATLANTA (AP)—People with serious egg allergies may no longer have to worry about flu shots.

A federal advisory panel on Thursday said a new vaccine that’s made without eggs is an option for adults with severe allergies. Current flu shots are

made from viruses grown in eggs and could trigger allergic reactions in some cases.

The new Flublok vaccine is made with cell technology, which is used for other kinds of vaccines. It was licensed in January by Protein Sciences Corp.

Officials don’t know how many Americans skip flu shots because they’re allergic to eggs.

About 1 in 66 children have egg allergies, though most kids outgrow them. The new vaccine is not an option for kids. So far it’s licensed only for adults ages 18 to 49.

Life & Style

Texas auction house sells KFC founder's suit



AP
Masao "Charlie" Watanabe, president and chief executive of Kentucky Fried Chicken Japan, stands beneath a portrait of company founder "Colonel" Harland Sanders on Saturday, June 22, 2013, at Heritage Auctions in Dallas.

DALLAS (AP)—The president and chief executive of Kentucky Fried Chicken Japan purchased the trademark white suit worn by company founder "Colonel" Harland Sanders at auction Saturday for \$21,510—then promptly tried it on.

Masao "Charlie" Watanabe grinned while putting on the suit jacket and black string tie at the Heritage Auctions event, standing beneath a photograph of Sanders. He had already planned to attend a company marketing meeting in Dallas,

but arrived early after he found out about the auction, he said.

Watanabe was one of hundreds of in-person, telephone and online bidders vying for various items, including a gun belt owned by legendary outlaw Jesse James and leg irons that restrained abolitionist John Brown.

Watanabe also bought a mini-collection of Sanders' memorabilia—including his 1973 Kentucky driver's license—for \$1,912.

Sanders is a popular figure in Japan, and most KFC restaurants there have statues of

him in front, Watanabe said. He plans to display the suit at a restaurant in Tokyo.

"Every child in Japan knows Colonel Sanders' face and his uniform," Watanabe told The Associated Press through a translator.

Sanders was named a "Kentucky colonel" by the state's governor in 1935, five years after he began cooking meals for travelers who stopped at his gas station, according to his biography on the KFC website.

Earlier Saturday, the leg irons used on Brown after his failed 1859 raid on a federal arsenal in

Harpers Ferry, W. Va., sold for \$13,145. The winning bidder declined to be identified.

Many scholars believe Brown and his raid hastened the start of the Civil War as he tried to end slavery. The Connecticut native and some followers seized the arsenal, hoping to provide 100,000 weapons to slaves who never joined them. Brown later was hanged for treason, murder and inciting a rebellion.

James' gun belt, one of two that he owned at the time of his death, sold for \$16,730. The buyer was not immediately known.

Friend: Gandolfini died of heart attack

ROME (AP)—An autopsy on James Gandolfini has found that the "Sopranos" star died of a heart attack, with no evidence of substance abuse or foul play, a family spokesman said Friday.

Michael Kobold told reporters that Gandolfini's body has been released to a funeral director and that the family was working with the Italian government to speed up the bureaucratic red tape to get the body back to the United States soon.

While the process can take up to 10 days, Kobold said the family was hoping to have the body repatriated by mid-week with a funeral planned in New York by June 29 at the latest.

Gandolfini, 51, died Wednesday night. His body was discovered in a Rome hotel room by a family member.

He had arrived in Rome on Tuesday and spent his first full day in the Eternal City with his teen-age son, visiting the Vatican and staying at the luxury Boscolo Exedra hotel. They dined together in the hotel on Wednesday night, awaiting the arrival in Rome of Gandolfini's sister, Leta.

"He had a wonderful day," Kobold said of the father-son vacation.

Asked if Gandolfini had a history of heart problems, Kobold said he was healthy.

"There's nothing out of the ordinary. It was a heart attack. It was a natural cause," he said in response to questions about the autopsy. "There was no foul play, no substance abuse.

None of that."

The Associated Press couldn't independently confirm the results of the autopsy, and it wasn't clear if Italian officials would independently release them.

In 2002, allegations of drug use by Gandolfini spilled into tabloid reports during his divorce case with his first wife, Marcy Wudarski. Gandolfini's then publicist Dan Klores was quoted as acknowledging the actor's prior drug and alcohol abuse, but claimed it was "a problem that existed in the past."

Morgue officials at Rome's Policlinico Umberto I hospital said the U.S. Embassy had told them not to speak to the media, and that a family representative would provide information about the autopsy. Kobold, a longtime family friend, said he had been asked by the family to act as its spokesman.

Kobold provided no written evidence of the autopsy results. The director of the emergency room at the hospital, Dr. Claudio Modini, said on Thursday prior to the autopsy that Gandolfini had suffered a cardiac arrest. Sudden cardiac arrest can be due to a heart attack, a heart rhythm problem, or as a result of trauma.

Leta went to the morgue on Friday to formally identify the body.

Gandolfini was to have helped preside over the closing ceremony on Saturday of the Taormina Film Festival in Sicily. The festival instead is organizing a tribute to him.



Gandolfini

SAFELY HOME

† *Agnes Dolores Cepeda Pangelinan*

(August 7, 1939 – June 15, 2013)

Also known as

AGNES PANGELINAN CASTRO

was called by our Creator to rest at the age of 73.

In her new home, AGNES is reunited with her parents - Jose Sablan Pangelinan, Dolores Blas Cepeda and Theodora Iglesias Lisua. Her daughter - Ramona Elisa. Grandsons - Juan & Jose.

Siblings, In-laws & spouses: Henry C. Pangelinan; John C./Sabina T. Pangelinan; Donald C. Pangelinan; Rudolpho C. Pangelinan; Marcelo I. Lisua; Enrique I. Lisua; Ramon C. Lizama; Roque S. Celis.

Her love and memories will forever be cherished and remain in the hearts of her children, spouses and grandchildren:

Henry (Julie) [Loretta Ann & children; Joylin (Joaquin) & children; Virhenny; Peyton];

Dolores (Roque) [Angie (Antonio) & children; Nicole & children; Queenena & children; Cherise & children; Shareen & children];

Jessica (Eisio) [Shirley; Jesse; Jacey; Jasmine];

Jerald (Lori) [Johnathan; Juzvindean; Joshua; Shorettalayne; Jayvier; Jerwin; Briettajayne; Rhieltazayne; Jornettadayne]

Jolene (Ben) [Benjamin, Jr.; Bridgette (Eric) & children; Britney; Briann; Brettalene; Brandon; Braden]

Siblings & spouses, In-laws:

Elphidia P./Antonio S. Camacho & children; Nola Pangelinan & children; Rosa S. Pangelinan & children; **Victor C.** Pangelinan & children; children of **John C.** & Sabina T. Pangelinan; Ursula Lisua & children; **Nicanor**/Dinang Lisua & children; **Abelina** Lisua & children;

Benusto/Francisca Lisua & children; **Virginia** L. Lizama & children; **Remedio** L. Celis & children; **Felipe**/Alily Lisua & children.

Agnes is additionally survived by numerous loving brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces.

Last respects may be paid on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed immediately with interment service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your thoughts and most especially your prayers are greatly appreciated.

THE FAMILY



Brad Pitt tries to build a better blockbuster

NEW YORK (AP)—Brad Pitt wanted to build a better blockbuster.

During the years Hollywood shifted toward increasingly bigger spectacles and superhero tentpoles, one of the movies' biggest stars largely stayed on the sidelines, focusing instead on ambitious ensembles ("The Tree of Life," "Inglourious Basterds") and unlikely dramas ("Moneyball").

But the zombie apocalypse "World War Z," which opens Friday, is Pitt's bold, long-gestating, big-budget effort to enter the franchise fray. It's his attempt to engineer not just a disaster thrill ride like 1974's "The Towering Inferno" (a beloved film to Pitt, who saw it repeatedly as a kid growing up in Missouri), but to make a thought-provoking action flick filled with geopolitical questions.

It's been a humbling crusade. "These films are much more difficult than I realized," Pitt said in a recent interview over coffee at a restaurant off Times Square.

Based on the 2006 sci-fi novel "World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War" by Max Brooks (son of Mel), the \$200 million-plus film has had a rocky path to theaters. It's gone through a swarm of screenwriters, several key crew changes, a postponed release date and, most notably, a reshoot ending.

But most moviegoers that make it to the film—far from the flop many predicted—will likely wonder what all the fuss was about. As Pitt's producing partner Dede Gardner points out, no one ever says: "Honey, let's go to this movie this Friday. I swear it was on-budget and on-schedule."

The reviews have largely been positive for "World War Z," a riveting, brisk thriller with a refreshingly—and, for summer movies, atypically—human protagonist who relies purely on his intellect and experience as he shuttles around the world trying to solve the zombie pandemic that's engulfed most of the planet. Pitt's former United Nations investigator has no superpowers, no gun, and as Pitt says, "can't even run that fast."

It may sound paradoxical, but though "World War Z" is awash with gruesome hordes of snarling zombies, it is—alongside Superman and Godzilla-sized sea monsters—one of the most human-scaled blockbusters of the summer.

While Hollywood awaits the film's box office performance with bated breath, Pitt is confident. He's shaped the film as a producer since his production company, Plan B, acquired the book rights in 2006.

"I know it works," the 49-year-old actor says. "I know everyone involved is going to be happy. It's just a question of how happy. We're proud of it.



This publicity image released by Paramount Pictures shows, from center left, Brad Pitt as Gerry Lane, Abigail Hargrove as Rachel Lane, and Mireille Enos as Karin Lane in a scene from "World War Z."

When you get involved with a film like this at this scale, at this cost, there's more responsibility to meet that number immediately."

Not unlike his character, Pitt has been flying around the world to promote "World War Z." He spent Father's Day with his family, but at 40,000 feet, he says. "I've got a few countries to go," he says with a grin.

Though he acknowledges the

film has been "a learning experience," he's upbeat, repeatedly citing the "good fun" of making a big movie for the multiplexes. Adapting the book—a series of first-person dispatches from around the globe—required not just finding a narrative drive to the story, but capturing the novel's theorizing of how self-interested nations would fare in a global catastrophe. (Faring well, for example, is walled-off

Israel, the location of the film's most extreme set piece, shot in Malta with some 900 extras.)

But in the end, the principles of making a popcorn-friendly movie often bested the filmmakers' higher ambitions. Much of the allegory had to be cut.

"It got too dense," Pitt says. "We got too weighed down on it. We spent a couple years on it. We couldn't get it into one movie. We had to walk a line

between using the film as a Trojan horse for some of that, but these things have to be fun. And we were bored, ourselves."

Instead, the filmmakers, including director Marc Forster ("Quantum of Solace," "Stranger Than Fiction"), wrestled with finding what Pitt calls "the pace of the summer action film, the cadence it needs."

"Movies have a DNA," says Gardner. "They have their own

identity. This one just fought back. It fought back, ultimately, in a way that I really appreciate because it sort of met our ambitions for it with its own ambitions."

The most painful part of taming "World War Z" was deciding that the third act—a large-scale battle with the zombies in Moscow's Red Square, filmed in Budapest—didn't work. It was a gut-wrenching realization, made after the filmmakers and Paramount executives screened the film.

"It was abysmal," says Pitt. "It was really painful. What it means is that after you've put in that much work, you go, 'Oh, we're so far away.' It just means we got a lot more to go. You go home, you have one too many beers and you get up the next day and you go, 'OK. This is what we got to do.'"

While tinkering with a movie in post-production is normal, hiring screenwriters (Damon Lindelof, Drew Goddard) to write an entirely new ending is quite uncommon. Instead, a more quietly tense sequence set in Wales was constructed, with production resuming for a \$20 million reshoot.

"We just decided it wasn't good enough," says Gardner. "I see that as a good thing. We were very fortunate to have partners at Paramount who were interested in doubling down. I can't tell you how grateful I am for that."

The need for such a reshoot, though, contributed heavily to early perceptions of the film. While Pitt admits the production was initially difficult, he says once solutions were found, the process was "really fun." (Forster was not made available for this article.) Gardner, too, chafes at what she calls the unfair over-scrutinizing of the film.

"You often hear of the artists in a studio not getting along," says Pitt. "This was absolutely a really nice experience. (Paramount) has been so supportive and came to the table with great creative ideas."

Whether "World War Z" will spawn sequels, as was the initial hope, will have to wait for the box-office response. In a packed summer schedule, the film will have to compete with "Man of Steel" in its second week of release.

After a long battle with "World War Z," Pitt (who'll this fall star in David Ayer's World War II thriller "Fury") says he's just "not really the franchise kind of guy."

"We spent so much time on this," he says. "We've got so many good story lines stemming from the book or inspired by the book and then just generated from our own powwows. It might still be fun. We've got enough material, that's for sure. We'll see, we'll see how this works, we'll see how everyone feels afterward."

Terence Stamp talks about sex, singing, 'Superman'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Long before the new "Man of Steel," actor Terence Stamp delivered the screen General Zod of a generation. Stamp portrayed Superman's Kryptonian arch enemy opposite Christopher Reeve in "Superman" (1978) and "Superman II" (1980).

"I can't go out on the street in London without somebody saying, 'It's Zod!' It's fun for me," said Stamp in a recent interview, adding he'd yet to see "Man of Steel," which casts Michael Shannon as Zod.

Thirty-five years since "Superman," Stamp returns to theaters in the dramedy "Unfinished Song," which opens stateside this weekend after an overseas run with an alternate title, "Song for Marion."

Stamp and Vanessa Redgrave play English pensioners Arthur and Marion. He's a codger; she is full of life, but dying. And yet this is no odd couple. They are, instead, something rarely seen in entertainment: Earth-bound, elderly soul mates. Forget high-flying romance. These two are real.



In this 2006 publicity photo released by Warner Bros. Home Entertainment, actor Terence Stamp portrays General Zod in the 1978 film "Superman."

Eventually, Marion drags Arthur into an over-60s singing group, which has a repertoire including everything from the smoothest Stevie Wonder to Salt-n-Pepa's hip-hop classic "Let's Talk About Sex."

"Let's Talk About Sex," I thought, 'Great! Absolutely,'" remembered the 74-year-old Stamp. "(Talk) is all I can do at the moment," he continued, laughing. "I'm past my sell-by date."

In a separate interview, co-star Redgrave said that between

takes on the set, she loved listening to Stamp's stories. "What I remember most about Terence was his enthralling discussions about all kinds of experiences ... to do with voice."

"I worked with Olivier briefly on my second movie ("Term of Trial," 1962)," Stamp recalled. "And he said to me, 'You should always study your voice.'" Stamp then segued into a spot-on Olivier impersonation, continuing, "Because, as you get older, your looks go, but your voice will become empowered."

The London-born Stamp started his film career with 1962's seafaring "Billy Budd," for which he earned an Oscar nomination. Stamp's 50-year filmography is peppered with highlights, including his touching portrayal of the transsexual Bernadette in "The Adventure of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert" (1994). Stamp also was widely praised for his lead in director Steven Soderbergh's 1999 crime drama, "The Limey."

Now, distributor Weinstein is attempting to generate early award-season buzz for Stamp's work in "Unfinished Song." After this interview, Stamp was off to meet with members of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, which hosts the annual Golden Globes.

Clearly, Stamp already feels like a winner. And it also appears that his landlord is paid in full.

"I don't have any psychological ambitions," Stamp explained. "I've practical ambitions. I don't do crappy movies, unless I haven't got the rent."

Jennifer Lopez tears up over Hollywood star

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Jenny from the Block" has a spot on the most famous block of all—the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Jennifer Lopez received the 2,500th star Thursday surrounded by her boyfriend Casper Smart, her 5-year-old twins Max and Emme, and friends including Jane Fonda, Keenen Ivory Wayans and "Selena" director Gregory Nava.

"I cried like almost 15 thousand times," she said afterward. "It was so crazy. But I kept promising everybody I wasn't going to cry and they were like, 'Cry!' 'You're not helping!' But it was an amazing moment."

Lopez relished the chance to "kind of walk down memory lane" with Wayans—"he's the reason I moved to Los Angeles because I got that job as a fly girl"—and Nava, who put her in her first movie.

"You realize you've been at this for a long time and you've been fighting and getting it," she said. "It's a real kind of landmark day for me and I am just glad my family was here to share it with me."

Tony Hawk donating 1st skateboard to Smithsonian

WASHINGTON (AP)—Professional skateboarder Tony Hawk is donating his first skateboard to the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

Skateboarding pioneers including Hawk, Rodney Mullen, Cindy Whitehead and others are gathering Friday and Saturday at the museum for a festival celebrating the culture of skateboarding. On Saturday morning, Hawk will donate his first skateboard.

The Innoskate Skateboarding Festival is hosted by the Smithsonian's Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation. It will feature panel discussions and skate sessions on a ramp built outside the museum. The museum is also showing films about skateboarding.

Hawk, of San Diego, is donating a 1975 Bahne skateboard that was handed down by his brother, Steve Hawk. He modified the skateboard's fiberglass deck with plywood to raise it further from the wheels.



Jennifer Lopez poses with her new star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Thursday, June 20, 2013 in Los Angeles. AP

Just don't ask Max and Emme what the fuss was all about.

"I just told them, 'Mommy is getting a star today,'" said Lopez. "They don't re-

ally know what that means but they were great."

A committee selects celebrities eligible for a star and those who accept pay \$30,000 in costs

and fees.

"For a romantic like me, it's forever and I believe in that. I believe in forever. It's a good day," Lopez said.

Kardashian, West name baby girl North

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kim Kardashian and Kanye West have taken a new direction in naming their baby girl.

They're calling her North—as in North West.

The Los Angeles County

birth certificate says little North was born to the celebrity and her rapper boyfriend at 5:34 a.m. Saturday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

The certificate doesn't men-

tion a middle name. It also doesn't list her hair or eye color or weight.

The child was born several weeks early but Kardashian's sister Khloe has said that mom and baby are healthy.

Robert Duvall stops in on 'Whitey' Bulger trial

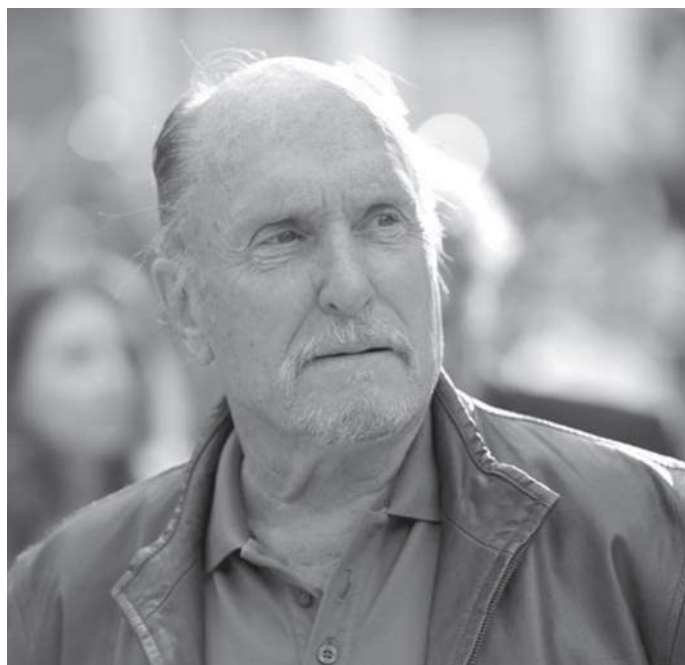
BOSTON (AP)—Academy Award winner Robert Duvall is one of the spectators at the racketeering trial of reputed gangster James "Whitey" Bulger.

Duvall sat in the back of the Boston courtroom Friday.

The 82-year-old Duvall has had a long TV and film career, including starring roles in "The Godfather" and "The Godfather: Part II." In those mob epics, he played Tom Hagen, a lawyer and adviser to the Corleone family.

He won a best actor Oscar in 1984 for his role in "Tender Mercies."

He has been shooting a movie, "The Judge," in Shelburne, Mass., this month. Duvall plays the title character in the film, which also stars Robert Downey Jr., Billy Bob Thornton and Vincent D'Onofrio.



Robert Duvall, a cast member in the film "Jayne Mansfield's Car," arrives at the premiere of the film at the 2012 Toronto Film Festival, Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012, in Toronto. AP

spokesman wouldn't comment on whether that has been done. The Sports Business Journal first reported Jay-Z's certification. Jay-Z attended only a handful of Nets games this season, but had a major role in the rebranding of the team in its first season in Brooklyn, even debuting the team's black-and-white uniforms during one of his concerts. He is friendly with a number of sports superstars and could quickly make Roc Nation a force in the agency field.

Louisiana man, 36, accused of killing teen rapper

WINNFIELD, La. (AP)—Police in north Louisiana say a 36-year-old man is accused of killing the 18-year-old rapper known as Lil Snupe in an argument that broke out during a video game at a friend's apartment. A news release says Winnfield police got a warrant Friday to arrest Tony Holden of Winnfield in the death of the rapper, whose

actual name is Addarren Ross of Jonesboro. Ross died Thursday morning at an apartment in Winnfield. He had been shot twice in the chest. Holden could not be reached Friday. The phone at the only listing under that name was not answered. Ross had recently signed a recording deal with the Meek Mill's Dream Chasers label. Police describe Holden as a convicted violent felon who should be considered armed and dangerous.

Hosts feel slighted when left off their friends' guest lists

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I invite our friends for dinner quite often, and invitations are always accepted. Recently, I began to notice that we are never invited to some of their homes for dinner.

I know entertaining isn't for everyone, but they do entertain other people—just not us. I'm not sure why this is. We would never go empty-handed. If we weren't asked to bring a dessert or an appetizer, we would at least bring a bottle of wine to thank our hosts, and I'd help to clear the dishes and straighten the kitchen when the meal is over.

Have you any thoughts as to why an invitation is never extended to us?

Dear Abby

NOT ON THE "A" LIST

DEAR NOT: The problem may be that the couple is embarrassed that they can't entertain you as lavishly as you have entertained them. Or, they may have never been taught that it is rude to accept people's hospitality and not reciprocate in some way. Because they are friends, you should pose this question to them and ask for an honest answer.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 19 years and this is the third time I have caught my wife cheating. I didn't catch her "in the act" because she disguised it behind "vacations with her girlfriends." What happened was I caught her sending some guy nude pictures of herself and lying about having stayed at a friend's house. (She had spent the night with a guy.)

I have remained in this marriage because I wanted to raise all my kids before separating or divorcing. I am leaving eventually, but want to stay four more years to raise my last son.

Is it immoral to lie and pretend like I want to work it out? I feel this is the best way not to damage my children.

RESPONSIBLE DAD IN GEORGIA

DEAR DAD: I don't think you should lie. Instead, talk calmly with your wife and tell her that it's clear to you that she isn't satisfied in the marriage or she wouldn't be doing what she has been doing. You might be able to accomplish what you want with your son through a joint custody arrangement—or full custody, if your wife wishes. That way, she could live her life as she apparently wants to, and so can you.

DEAR ABBY: My next-door neighbor lets her two children, a 6-year-old boy and a 7-year-old girl, run around naked all the time. This includes playing in her front yard and in the street.

I don't want to seem like a prude or cause problems in the neighborhood, but let's face it—there are perverts everywhere. At what age is it no longer acceptable for children to be nude in public?

TAKEN ABACK IN MONTANA

DEAR TAKEN ABACK: Children over the age of 3 should not be out in public with no clothes—and no child should be playing outside that way without supervision. For that matter, clothed or not, for their own safety children should not play in the street.

Your neighbor's lack of attention is irresponsible and inappropriate. If you can't make her see the light, then child protective services should be consulted.

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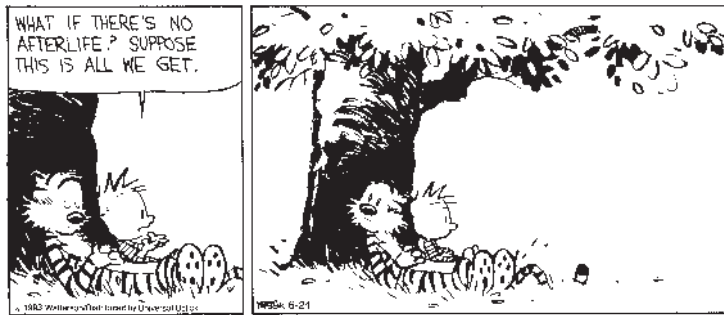
ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Jay-Z certified as NBA player agent

NEW YORK (AP)—Jay-Z is now in the player agent business. The rap mogul has been certified by the NBA players' association, spokesmen for the union and Roc Nation Sports said Thursday. However, it's unclear exactly what he can do. He would have to sell his minor share of the Brooklyn Nets before he can represent players, according to NBA rules, and a Roc Nation

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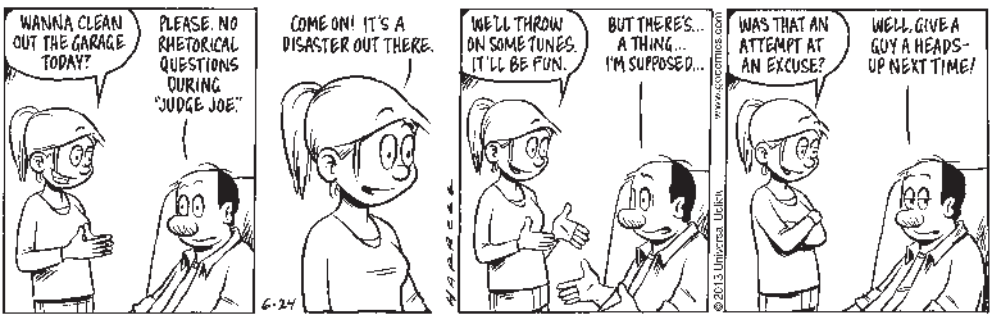
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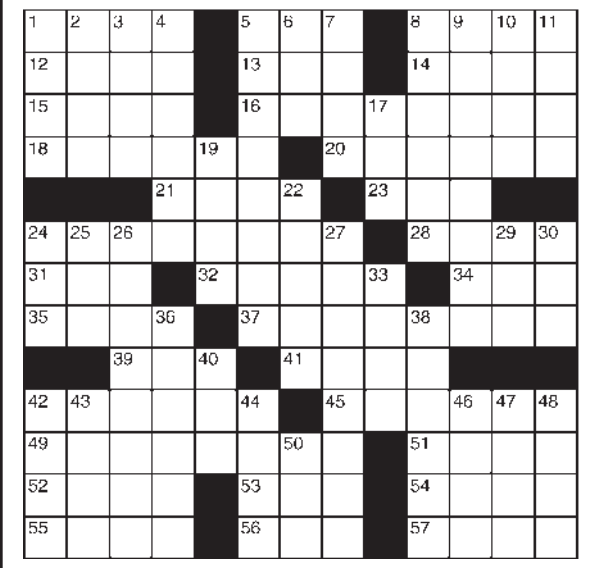
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Happy Birthday: Size up what needs to be done and how you can get what you want while sticking to your budget. This can be a fruitful year as long as you don't go overboard. Taking care of responsibilities will result in added support when you need it. Love is on the rise, and romance will enhance your personal life. Your numbers are 3, 10, 16, 22, 29, 37, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Refrain from jumping to conclusions. Get all the facts and act accordingly, especially when it entails someone's reputation or your financial status. Emotional issues will escalate if you are stubborn or aggressive. Listen carefully and you will learn a lot. ☼☼

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Getting together with friends, relatives or peers will enable you to find answers and solutions with regard to work and the skills you'll require to advance. Love is on the rise. Plan to end your day with a little romance. ☼☼☼☼

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take care of responsibilities and financial business. Do not get behind in your payments or take on more than you can handle. Work toward lightening your load, not making matters more stressful. Creative accounting will be required. ☼☼☼

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Avoid people you feel are unpredictable. Problems with an important partnership will develop if you make demands. Put your efforts into securing your position and using your assets wisely. What

you do for others will have an impact on the impression you make. ☼☼☼

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take ownership of whatever you feel compelled to do. Be passionate and expressive in the way you move forward. What you do for others will not be forgotten, but making sure you aren't taken advantage of will be necessary. ☼☼☼

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Being busy and helping others is good, but don't neglect the people who count on you the most. A job that allows you to use your talents skillfully will develop through an unusual source. Nurture a partnership that's important to you. ☼☼☼☼

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Listen to reason. Explore your options and consider what you need to know in order to pursue your goals. A change in status and reputation or involving a partnership can be daunting, but necessary for you to move forward. ☼☼

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look, see and do. You can make headway if you are prepared to forge ahead with some of the plans you have accumulated but not completed. Love is highlighted, and discussing personal and financial plans will help you form a closer bond. ☼☼☼☼

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be careful not to lead someone on. Being specific regarding what you are willing to offer and what you expect in return will eliminate a situation that can leave you in a vulnerable financial position. Honesty is a must. ☼☼☼

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put more time and effort into nurturing im-

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portant relationships. Complaints and unexpected changes will catch you off guard if you are too busy taking care of business to realize someone is feeling neglected. Put romance at the top of your to-do list. ☼☼☼

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get out and explore new possibilities. Challenge yourself physically and you will surpass your goal. Don't let a secret come between you and someone you love or upset your professional status. Keep your emotions in check. Discipline will be required. ☼☼☼

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Socializing, networking and sharing your ideas and future plans will create interest and new possibilities to work with talented people. There is money to be made, but contracts must be drawn up first. Love is in the stars. ☼☼☼☼

Birthday Baby: You are bright, expressive and admired. You stand behind your beliefs.

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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2	3	6	1	4	5	9	7	8

Difficulty Level ★ 6/24

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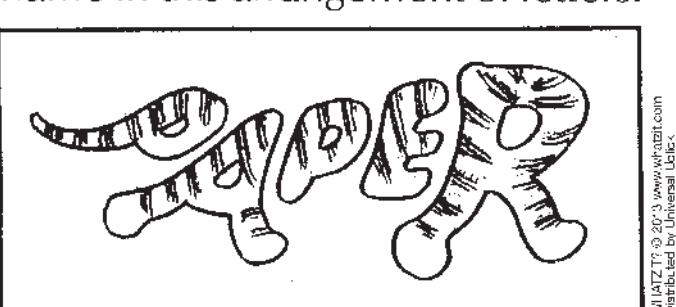
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A test of 'perseverance' brings Heat another title



MIAMI (AP)—Even after the confetti fell and the champagne spilled, in the early moments of a Game 7 celebration, LeBron James couldn't forget Game 6.

The championship the Miami Heat won Thursday was almost lost two nights earlier. So when James remembers his second straight title, the save goes right along with the win.

"To be able to win that game and force a Game 7 is a true test of our, I guess, perseverance," James said, "and us being able to handle adversity through everything. It meant a lot for us to be able to do that and force a Game 7 and being able to close out at home."

Doing it that way, following a stunning comeback with a stirring victory, cemented a place with the NBA's giants for this Miami team and its leader.

"Last year when I was sitting up here with my first championship, I said it was the toughest thing I had ever done," James said. "This year, I'll tell last year he's absolutely wrong. This was the toughest championship right here between the two."

And the San Antonio Spurs will always know it's a title they let slip away.

James scored 37 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in a 95-88 victory Thursday night in a tense game that was tight until Miami pulled away in the final minute.

Capping their best season in franchise history—and perhaps the three-superstar system they used to build it—the Heat ran off with the second straight thriller in the NBA's first championship series to go the distance since 2010.

Two nights after his Game 6 save when the Heat were almost eliminated, James continued his unparalleled run through the basketball world, with two titles and an Olympic gold medal in the last 12 months.

"I work on my game a lot throughout the offseason," said James, who was MVP for the second straight finals. "I put a lot of work into it and to be able to come out here and (have) the results happen out on the floor is the ultimate. The ultimate. I'm at a loss for words."

He made five 3-pointers, defended Tony Parker when he had to, and did everything else that could ever be expected from the best player in the game.

The Heat became the NBA's first repeat champions since the Lakers in 2009-10, and the first team to beat the Spurs in the NBA Finals.

"It took everything we had as a team," Dwyane Wade said. "Credit to the San Antonio Spurs, they're an unbelievable team, an unbelievable franchise. This is the hardest series we ever had to play. But we're a resilient team and we



The Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade, left, holds the Larry O'Brien NBA Championship Trophy as LeBron James holds his Bill Russell NBA Finals Most Valuable Player Award after Game 7 of the NBA basketball championship against the San Antonio Spurs, Friday, June 21, 2013, in Miami. The Miami Heat defeated the San Antonio Spurs 95-88 to win their second straight NBA championship. The Miami Heat's Chris Bosh celebrates in the background.

did whatever it took."

Players and coaches hugged afterward—their respect for each other was obvious from the opening tipoff of Game 1 through the final buzzer.

A whisker away from a fifth title two nights earlier, the Spurs couldn't find a way to win it all in what was perhaps the last shot for Tim Duncan, Parker and Manu Ginobili to grab another ring together.

"In my case I still have Game 6 in my head," Ginobili said. "Today we played an OK game, they just made more shots than us. LeBron got hot. Shane (Battier), too. Those things can happen. But being so close and feeling that you are about to grab that trophy, and seeing it vanish is very hard."

They were trying to become the first team to win a Game 7 on the road since Washington beat Seattle in 1978, but those old guys ran out of gas just before the finish.

Fans stood, clapped and danced as the clock ticked down, when every score was answered by another score, each stop followed by a better stop. The Heat pushed their lead to six points a few times midway through the fourth but San Antonio kept coming back.

Duncan had 24 points and 12 rebounds for the Spurs, but missed a shot and follow attempt right under the basket with about 50 seconds left and the Spurs trailing by two.

James followed with a jumper—the shot the Spurs were daring him to take earlier in the series—to make it 92-88, sending San Antonio to a

timeout as Glenn Frey's "The Heat Is On" blared over the arena's sound system.

He then came up with a steal and made two free throws for a six-point lead, and after Ginobili missed, James stalked toward the sideline, knowing it was over and that he was, once again, the last one standing.

Wade had 23 points and 10 rebounds for the Heat, who overcame a scoreless Chris Bosh by getting six 3-pointers and 18 points from Battier.

"It was a great series and we all felt that," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "I don't know if 'enjoy' is the right word, but in all honesty, even in defeat, I'm starting to enjoy what our group accomplished already, when you look back. And you need to do that, to put it in perspective. So it's no fun to lose, but we lost to a better team."

"And you can live with that as long as you've given your best, and I think we have."

Streamers fell from the arena ceiling onto the fans for the second straight year, but this one meant so much more. A narrow escape in Game 6 was still fresh in everyone's mind.

They were down 10 in the fourth quarter of that one before James led the charge back, finishing with a triple-double in Miami's 103-100 overtime victory. This one was nearly as tight, neither team leading by more than seven and the game tied 11 times.

Kawhi Leonard had 19 points and 16 rebounds for the Spurs, who had been 4 for 4 in the championship round. Ginobili had 18 points but Parker man-

aged just 10 points on 3-of-12 shooting.

"Just give credit to the Miami Heat. LeBron was unbelievable. Dwyane was great. I just think they found a way to get it done," Duncan said. "We stayed in the game. We gave ourselves opportunities to win the game, we just couldn't turn that corner."

The Heat and coach Erik

Spoelstra collected the Larry O'Brien trophy again from Commissioner David Stern, presiding over his last NBA Finals before retiring next February.

He couldn't have asked for a better way to go out.

James avenged his first finals loss, when his Cleveland Cavaliers were swept by the Spurs on 2007. That helped send James

on his way to South Florida, realizing it would take more help to win titles that could never come alone.

He said he would appreciate this one more because of how tough it was. The Heat overpowered Oklahoma City in five games last year, a team of 20-something kids who weren't ready to be champions yet.

This came against a respected group of Spurs whose trio has combined for more than 100 playoff victories together and wanted one more in case this was San Antonio's last rodeo.

Duncan is 37 and Ginobili will be a 36-year-old free agent next month, the core of a franchise whose best days may be behind them.

Meanwhile, it's a potential dynasty along Biscayne Bay, but also one with a potentially small window. Wade's latest knee problems are a reminder that though he came into the NBA at the same time as James and Bosh 10 years ago, he's a couple of years older at 31 with wheels that have seen some miles.

James can become a free agent again next summer with another decision—though hopefully not another "Decision"—to make. He's comfortable in Miami and close with Wade, and the Heat have the leadership and commitment from owner Micky Arison and President Pat Riley to keep building a championship core around him.

Why would he want to leave?

"This team is amazing," James said. "And the vision that I had when I decided to come here is all coming true."

Popovich: Spurs 'hurting' after Finals loss

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Gregg Popovich was reflective, loquacious, funny and even answered questions from the media without prompting.

It's easy to say it was all a bit out of character for Popovich, but the circumstances were new to the San Antonio Spurs coach and all those who have followed them.

San Antonio was 28 seconds away from going a perfect 5 for 5 in the NBA Finals under Popovich when everything went wrong. The Miami Heat rallied from a five-point deficit to tie Game 6, eventually winning in overtime Tuesday and then closing out their second straight title Thursday with a victory in Game 7.

So, instead of preparing for a victory parade along the San Antonio River, the Spurs spent Saturday morning cleaning out their lockers at the team's practice facility.

"I don't really want to do a soliloquy, but the elephant in the room is that we're all hurting because we had an opportunity to win a championship right in the palm of our hands

and it didn't happen," Popovich said. "So, that hurts, and it will dissipate over time, but right now it hurts everyone to varying degrees."

San Antonio never trailed in the NBA Finals previously under Popovich and Tim Duncan, but they also never faced a player like LeBron James, not even when they swept a then 22-year-old James and the Cleveland Cavaliers for the 2007 championship.

James' 3-pointer in the final seconds of regulation helped tie Game 6 and his jumper with 1:43 left in overtime proved to be the winner in a 103-100 victory. He earned his second straight Finals MVP after finishing with 32 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists in Game 6 and 37 points and 12 boards in a 95-88 victory in Game 7.

Will losing the title in such heartbreaking fashion makes it tougher for the Spurs to rebound next season and compete for another title?

"That's the kind of articles you guys write," Popovich said, deflecting the question before cracking a smile, "that

we always read. ... I read every one of them, I swear, I swear, I read every one."

Popovich's mood, along with the rest of the team, was lifted by the thousands of fans who greeted them at the airport Friday afternoon upon their return from Miami. The reception shamed, humbled, inspired and ultimately touched Popovich.

"I'll be honest with you, when you saw the crowd, the first feeling I had was embarrassment," Popovich. "We wanted to bring it home for them so badly. Was just embarrassed that we didn't get it done and then as you look at them all and they just keep cheering you realize, my gosh, you really felt the love and the way they care for these guys and their team and then it did make it easier. Like, 'Hey, they're with us.'"

Fans will likely be rooting for essentially the same team next season, which is good news for a franchise that won the Southwest Division title while reaching the postseason for the 16th consecutive year.

Bautista, Blue Jays beat Orioles for 10th straight



TORONTO
(AP)—Jose

Bautista hit a tiebreaking home run in the eighth inning as the Toronto Blue Jays won their 10th straight game Saturday, beating the Baltimore Orioles 4-2.

Maicer Izturis hit a solo homer in the fifth and Bautista had a two-run drive for Toronto, on its longest winning streak since a 10-game run late in 2008. The Blue Jays, who are 14-4 this month, are one victory from matching the franchise record. Toronto had 11-game winning streaks in 1987 and 1998.

The Blue Jays led 2-1 heading into the eighth but Taylor Teagarden tied it with a homer off reliever Darren Oliver (3-1).

Miguel Gonzalez (5-3) allowed three runs and three hits in 7 1-3 innings.

Yankees 7, Rays 5

In New York, Vernon Wells broke out of his big slump with a pinch-hit and a three-run double as the New York Yankees rallied to beat the Rays.

Wells was in a 9-for-87 slide that landed him on the bench the past two days, with rookie outfielder Zoilo Almonte starting in his place. But with the Yankees trailing 5-4 in the seventh inning, Wells batted for No. 9 hitter Chris Stewart with the bases loaded and two outs.

Wells' clutch hit got CC Sabathia (8-5) off the hook after he allowed five runs in seven innings. Mariano Rivera worked a scoreless ninth for his 26th save.

White Sox 3, Royals 2

In Kansas City, Missouri, Alejandro De Aza drove in Jordan Danks with a sacrifice fly in the ninth inning, sending the White Sox to a victory over the Royals.

Jesse Crain (2-1) got through a shaky eighth inning for the White Sox, putting a runner on third with one out and then leaving him there. Addison Reed handled a perfect ninth for his 21st save.

Aaron Crow (3-3) was the loser.

Crain extended his club record with his 29th consecutive scoreless appearance.

Mariners 7, Athletics 5

In Seattle, Nick Franklin had tiebreaking two-run single in the eighth inning for his third hit of the game, lifting the Mariners over the Athletics.

Brendan Ryan singled off Ryan Cook (1-1) to lead off the eighth. Ryan moved up on a wild pitch and advanced to third on Endy Chavez's bunt single. Chavez took second on indifference before Franklin delivered a hit to right field to put the Mariners ahead by two.

Raul Ibanez hit a three-run homer off Jerry Blevins in the seventh to pull Seattle to 5-all.

Yoervis Medina (2-2) earned the victory with 2 1-3 scoreless



Toronto Blue Jays' Rajai Davis, left, Jose Bautista, center, and Colby Rasmus celebrate their 4-2 win over the Baltimore Orioles after a baseball game in Toronto, Saturday June 22, 2013.

innings to close out the game.

Pirates 6, Angels 1

In Anaheim, California, Francisco Liriano took a shutout into the seventh inning and Andrew McCutchen, Pedro Alvarez and Gaby Sanchez hit solo homers and left fielder Starling Marte threw a runner out at the plate, leading the Pirates to a victory over the Angels.

Liriano (6-3) allowed a run and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings, struck out six and walked three. The Angels' run came in the seventh, when rookie J.B. Shuck hit a ground-rule double just inside the right field line and Mike Trout drove him in with a two-out single.

Jerome Williams (5-3) gave up five runs—four earned—and eight hits over six innings in his eighth start of the season and first since June 12.

Rockies 7, Nationals 1

In Washington, Jhoulys Chacin pitched seven shutout innings and hit an RBI single as the Colorado Rockies snapped their five-game losing streak by beating the Washington Nationals.

DJ LeMahieu hit his first home run and Michael Cud-dyer's RBI single in the first extended his hitting streak to 20 games, the longest active streak in the majors and tied for the longest this season. Nolan Arenado also went deep for Colorado.

Chacin (6-3) held Washington to five hits with one walk and three strikeouts to win his third straight start.

Dan Haren (4-9) allowed six runs and seven hits in 3 1-3 innings.

Making his major league debut, Rockies outfielder Corey

Dickerson doubled in his first two at-bats and drove in a run during a three-run first inning.

Ryan Zimmerman's ninth-inning homer prevented Washington from being shut out for the ninth time this season.

Cuddyer has reached base safely in 39 straight games, breaking the Rockies record set by Matt Holliday in 2007.

Diamondbacks 4, Reds 3

In Phoenix, Jason Kubel hit a two-run single in the ninth inning to rally Arizona past Aroldis Chapman and Cincinnati for its fourth straight victory.

Jay Bruce's second home run of the game gave the Reds a 3-2 lead in the top of the ninth.

Paul Goldschmidt singled past Joey Votto at first base leading off the bottom half before Chapman (3-3) issued consecutive walks to Miguel Montero

and Cody Ross. With the infield drawn in, Kubel singled over second base for his third career game-ending hit and first since May 22, 2010.

Brad Ziegler (4-1) replaced Heath Bell after Bruce's second home run and earned the win.

Gerardo Parra hit a two-run homer for the Diamondbacks.

Starting pitchers Mike Leake and Patrick Corbin dueled for eight innings before turning the game over to the bullpen. Leake retired his first 17 batters.

Giants 2, Marlins 1, 11 innings

In San Francisco, Hector Sanchez singled home the winning run in the 11th inning as San Francisco snapped a nine-game home losing streak to Miami.

Giants right fielder Hunter Pence made a diving catch to rob Placido Polanco of a likely go-ahead single to end the

11th. The Giants beat the Marlins at home for the first time since July 28, 2010.

Barry Zito pitched seven strong innings with a heavy heart three days after his father's death. He allowed only Ed Lucas' first career home run in the first.

Mike Dunn (2-2) allowed Gregor Blanco's infield single to start the 11th, and Ryan Webb gave up Buster Posey's infield single. Pence was intentionally walked and Sanchez singled to left for his third game-ending hit.

Blanco hit a tying double in the fifth for the Giants. Sandy Rosario (2-0) got the win.

Phillies 8, Mets 7

In Philadelphia, pinch-hitter Kevin Frandsen homered leading off the bottom of the ninth inning to lift Philadelphia over New York after the Mets wiped out a six-run deficit.

Helped by some shaky Phillies defense, New York scored two runs in the top of the ninth off closer Jonathon Papelbon (2-0) to tie it.

Ryan Howard homered twice and drove in four runs. Michael Young also homered for Philadelphia, which led 7-1 through six innings.

Jordany Valdespin homered in the ninth off Papelbon, who has blown three of his last four save chances after converting his first 13 this season.

Brewers 2, Braves 0

In Milwaukee, Francisco Rodriguez earned his 300th career save, finishing off Milwaukee's second straight 2-0 victory over slumping Atlanta.

Donovan Hand, making his first big league start, allowed two hits in 4 2-3 innings for the Brewers. He struck out three in helping to extend Atlanta's scoreless streak to 24 innings.

Burke Badenhop (1-3) got Chris Johnson on a grounder to end the fifth.

Milwaukee has beaten the Braves eight straight times at Miller Park, outscoring them 31-9.

Dodgers 6, Padres 1

In San Diego, Zack Greinke allowed one run over eight sharp innings and Adrian Gonzalez ended Edinson Volquez's no-hit bid with a homer in the sixth as Los Angeles beat San Diego.

In his first outing in San Diego since breaking his collarbone in an April brawl with Carlos Quentin, Greinke (4-2) had a season-high eight strikeouts. He yielded four hits and walked one in his longest outing of the season.

San Diego's home winning streak was snapped at eight.

Hanley Ramirez homered into the third deck in left field and the Dodgers capitalized on several Padres miscues to snap a three-game skid.

Rangers 4, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, Nelson Cruz got the decisive hit for the second straight game with a two-run homer in the third inning and Martin Perez prevailed in a matchup of rookie starters as Texas beat St. Louis.

Shelby Miller (8-5) allowed two homers for the second time in three starts and didn't make it out of the sixth.

A.J. Pierzynski also hit a two-run shot for Texas, which goes for a three-game sweep Sunday night.

Astros 4, Cubs 3

In Chicago, Ronny Cedeno's squeeze bunt scored Justin Maxwell with the tiebreaking run in the ninth inning to lead Houston over Chicago.

J.D. Martinez tied the game with a three-run homer in the sixth for the Astros.

Jose Cisnero (2-0) pitched two scoreless innings for the win, escaping a bases-loaded jam in the eighth. Jose Veras earned his 15th save in 18 chances.

Maxwell hit a leadoff double in the ninth against Kevin Gregg (2-1) and moved to third on Matt Dominguez's sacrifice. Cedeno followed with another sacrifice bunt, putting the Astros ahead.

Police again search home of Patriots' Hernandez



NORTH ATTLEBORO, Mass. (AP)—

State police officers and dogs searched the home of New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez again Saturday as they continue to investigate the killing of a semi-pro football player whose body was found about a mile away.

The search of Hernandez's sprawling home and vehicle in North Attleboro began in the afternoon and lasted for more than three hours. Locksmiths and several officers were involved, including one with a crowbar.

Detectives and uniformed officers who searched the home, its backyard and playhouse did not comment to reporters on what they were looking for or

what caused them to return to the house located not far from where the Patriots practice and about a mile from where a jogger found the body of Odin Lloyd on Monday.

Lloyd family members said Friday that he had been dating the sister of Hernandez's fiancée for about two years. They said the two men were friends who were together the night Lloyd died.

Authorities have ruled Lloyd's death a homicide.

A spokeswoman for the Bristol District Attorney's office declined to comment on the investigation Saturday. A state police spokesman referred questions to the district attorney's office.

An attorney for Hernandez has said he would not comment

on the searches.

Three search warrants were issued in the investigation earlier last week but have not been returned, meaning they're not public. No arrest warrants were filed in state courts by the time court closed Friday, Attleboro District Court clerk magistrate Mark E. Sturdy said. Courts were closed Saturday.

Police previously searched in and around the home as they try to figure out who killed Lloyd.

Police in nearby Providence, R.I., said they had assisted Massachusetts state police and North Attleborough police with activity related to the Hernandez investigation at a strip club named Club Desire. It was unclear if they believed Lloyd and

Hernandez might have been at the club in the days before Lloyd died.

Patriots spokesman Stacey James has said the team does not anticipate commenting publicly during the police investigation. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell was waiting for the legal process to take its course.

The Patriots drafted Hernandez out of Florida in 2010. Since then, he has combined with Rob Gronkowski to form one of the top tight end duos in the NFL. He missed 10 games last season with an ankle injury and had shoulder surgery in April but is expected to be ready for training camp. Last summer, the Patriots gave him a five-year contract worth \$40 million.

Watson drops into 3-way tie at Travelers

CROMWELL (AP)—Charley Hoffman lost his chance at winning last year’s Travelers Championship on the 71st hole.

His tee shot on the difficult par-4 17th at the TPC of River Highlands found the pond that runs along the fairway and he finished second, missing out on his third PGA Tour win.

This year Hoffman is in a three-way tie for the lead heading into Sunday’s final round and he expects a different outcome.

“Obviously if I get on 17 tee (in the lead), I’d be lying to say I’m not going to think about that tee shot,” Hoffman said Saturday after his 4-under 66 tied him with Bubba Watson and Graham DeLaet at 10-under 200.

“But I’m a much more mature, better player than I was a year ago and don’t feel uncomfortable on that tee shot.”

Watson, who led by two shots when he began the third round and by four shots midway through it, made three bogeys in his last six holes to help create the logjam. DeLaet tied for the low round of the day with a 65.

Chris Stroud and Nick O’Hearn are one shot back of the leaders at 9 under, while Ken Duke’s 65 put him alone in sixth place.

Justin Rose, less than a week after his U.S. Open victory, is 7 under and in a tie for seventh after a second straight 68.

After shooting a 61 in the opening round, Hoffman struggled and shot 73 on Friday. He bounced back with a 66 Saturday that included five birdies.



Bubba Watson watches his tee shot on the eighth hole during the second round of the Travelers Championship golf tournament in Cromwell, Conn., Friday, June 21, 2013.

“I got off to a pretty quick start and then birdied 10, thought I was going to get going again,” Hoffman said. “And then a little three-putt bogey on 12 sort of slowed things down.”

Watson made three birdies in his first six holes Saturday and was ahead by four shots after the third. But bogeys on Nos. 13, 15 and 17 brought the 2011 Masters champion back to the field.

Watson, who won the 2010 Travelers, is trying to become the seventh man to win the event at least twice. Arnold Palmer and Phil Mickelson have also done it.

“I hit some shots today that were really good, quality shots,” said Watson, who shot an even-

par 70. “I got a couple bad breaks here and there, but that’s golf. At the end of the day I still have a chance on Sunday and that’s what we’re always looking for.”

DeLaet may be playing this week in New England but many of his thoughts are about his native Canada. The heavy rain and flooding in Alberta forced the PGA Tour Canada to cancel its event this week, just one of the many issues the area is facing.

The 2009 Canadian Tour player of the year has pledged to donate \$1,000 for every birdie he makes this weekend and \$2,500 for every eagle to help the relief efforts.

“It’s a pretty small part, what we’re doing, but anything

helps,” said DeLaet, a native of Weyburn, Saskatchewan. “There’s a lot of help from everyone all across Canada.”

DeLaet first made it to 10 under after beginning his back nine with four straight birdies. A bogey at the difficult par-3 16th put a slight damper on his round, but DeLaet finished strong by delicately rolling in a downhill putt from the fringe on the 18th hole.

“I did play well pretty much all day. I had a lot of good birdie chances on the front nine, just couldn’t really seem to find the hole,” DeLaet said. “Julien (Trudeau), my caddie, just told me to stay patient.”

Watson began the day with a two-shot lead and immediately

began to extend it. After saving par on the first hole with a sliding, 7-foot putt, Watson made birdie at No. 2 by hitting a wedge some 2 feet from the hole. He followed that by draining a 30-foot putt from the front edge on No. 3 for a second straight birdie.

Another birdie at the par-5 sixth gave Watson a four-shot lead and he seemed ready to lap the field. Watson also made relatively lengthy par-saving putts on Nos. 7 and 10.

The smallest cracks in Watson’s armor appeared at the par-5 13th, where his drive faded too far left and ended up in a fairway bunker.

He was still short of the green after three shots and eventually made bogey, his first of the day and first in his last 30 holes.

He made another bogey at the easiest hole at the TPC of River

Highlands, the 296-yard, par-4 15th. His drive left him just 50 feet from the hole but his putt through the fringe didn’t make it up the steep hill in front of the green. A chip and two putts followed, moving Watson back to 11 under.

Watson’s final bogey came on the 17th and was the result of a tee shot pushed left into a fairway bunker.

The lack of rain recently combined with an increase in the wind late Saturday made TPC of River Highlands, one of the shortest courses on tour, increasingly difficult for the players.

“I think we’ve never seen the golf course like this, as firm as it is and as firm as some of the greens are,” Watson said. “It’s hard to get to certain points, so a lot of people probably played it safe.”

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and assistant, respectively.

No other details about the game were available at press time as *Saipan Tribune* was waiting for the email response of team officials and the official score sheet from the tournament website.

Meanwhile, three other games were also scheduled in the opening day with the CNMI U19 Junior National Team colliding against Guam U16 in the boys division in the final game of the opener last night at 6pm. Results were unavailable at press time.

The CNMI also has a 12-player roster in the boys division with Jack Aranda leading the squad and joining Ichitaro Faisao, Chris Mizer, Marc Babauta, Malcolm Maui, Darius Pettis, Erick Dela Rosa, Bryle Alegre, Jimmy

Tudela, Shane Deleon Guerrero, and Emerson Feria. Ed Manalili, Rufino Aguon, and Joe Villacrusis are members of the coaching staff.

Guam won the two other games played in Day 1 with its U19 girls team blowing out Palau, 70-31. According to reports from Guam Sports Network, the host went on a 21-0 run and never looked back to give the visitors a rude welcome.

Destiny Castro anchored Guam U19’s win with her 20 points, while Palau got 13 markers from Trang Ksano.

Guam’s U19 boys team also cruised to victory against Palau, 80-51. Palau kept Guam within striking distance at halftime, down by only 10, 34-44, before Sammy Setik led the breakaway in the second half. Guam Sports Network reported that Setik unloaded three triples in the third quarter to help Guam pull away and take the 29-point win.

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Minor’s fourth in a row in the U18 age group. In 2012, she got her third championship after dominating fellow CNMI player Melody Johnson in the finals in Guam, 6-3, 6-2. Guam also hosted the 2011 edition of the competition and Minor swept the round-robin tournament, clinching her second tiara with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Palau’s

Abigail Gbewonyo.

The CNMI bet’s string of victories in the U18 age group started when she stole the championship from FSM’s Alyssa Hawkins, 6-0, 6-2, in 2010. Then before her successes in the U18 age group, Minor also triumphed in the U13.

In her NPQ debut in 2006 in Guam, the then 10-year-old Minor won the U13 singles crown after beating Johnson in the finals, 6-1, 6-2. That same year, Minor also took the U13

doubles title with Jessica Soll, as the CNMI duo prevailed over Guam’s Shiruti Nagarajan and Angela Lai, 7-5, 6-2.

In 2007, Minor defended her U13 title after downing Johnson anew in the finals, 6-1, 6-1. The youngest daughter of Boyet and Joy Minor made in three in a row in 2008 after sweeping FSM’s Shawn Adams, 6-1, 6-2. She then skipped the 2009 edition of the tournament, as she automatically gained slot on the North Pacific Team after plac-

ing in the Top 4 in the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji.

Meanwhile, after earning a perfect record in the NPQ, Minor is aiming to make it to the finals in her last POJC stint.

“My junior tennis will be complete if I will be able to advance to the finals of the girls U18 in POJC this year,” said Minor, who managed to reach only the semifinals since moving up to the highest age group in the competition in 2010.

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big challenge of duplicating if not surpassing its impressive performance in the 2010 Micro Games in Palau. The Commonwealth hauled 44 gold medals, 23 silver, and 25 bronze medals in Palau to beat the host for the overall championship. Swimming, table tennis, lawn tennis, triathlon, and athletics delivered multiple medals for the CNMI, but as of NMASA’s last meeting no sports association has finalized its decision to compete in the 2014 Micronesian Games.

Though NMASA has yet to get a final word from any local federation, White is still encour-

aging officials and players to start their fundraising efforts for the games. The NMASA head made the request particularly to associations that will be sending big teams to Pohnpei. Baseball, for one, is expected to start the ball rolling as far as preparation for the Micro Games is concerned. The CNMI sluggers settled for a runner-up finish against Palau in 2010 after winning the gold medal versus Guam during the 2006 Micronesian Games on Saipan.

The Commonwealth has also sent men’s and women’s basketball teams to the quadrennial competition in the past with the CNMI cagebells getting a silver medal in Palau.

Lawn tennis, which consistently gave the CNMI medals, has yet to commit, but John Jones, who represented Jeff Race in last week’s meeting, said he will mention NMASA’s concern to Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association officials.

Table tennis has been inactive for more than a year after some players from Tinian relocated, while athletics is expected to bring back the Idaho-based Yvonne Bennett to Saipan to compete in Pohpei, along with Northern Marianas Athletics’ new pool of up-and-coming athletes.

Triathlon has lost 2010 Micro Games gold medalist Miek Carey to Guam and Kieran Daly

to Australia, but Lewie Tenorio is still around. The CNMI has a young pool in swimming with only Kensuke Kimura the only member of the 2010 team left on the island. Rezne Wong, the 2010 Micronesian Games Outstanding Male Athlete, has completed his collegiate career and there is no word yet if he is suiting up anew for the CNMI, while Kai Staal and Shin Kimura are in college off-island. Siblings Grace and Andrew Kimball had also left the island. The CNMI is left with a bunch of swimmers in the 12 to 16 age groups (Victoria Chentsova, Kento Akimaru, Miku Tammy, Angel Marie Tan, Kaito Yanai, and Angel De Jesus). **(Roselyn B. Monroyo)**

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	45	32	.584	—
Baltimore	42	33	.560	2
New York	41	33	.554	2 1/2
Toronto	37	36	.507	6
Tampa Bay	38	37	.507	6

Central Division

Detroit	41	32	.562	—
Cleveland	38	35	.521	3
Kansas City	34	38	.472	6 1/2
Minnesota	33	38	.465	7
Chicago	31	41	.431	9 1/2

West Division

Texas	43	32	.573	—
Oakland	44	33	.571	—
Los Angeles	33	42	.440	10
Seattle	33	43	.434	10 1/2
Houston	29	47	.382	14 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	43	33	.566	—
Washington	37	37	.500	5
Philadelphia	36	39	.480	6 1/2
New York	29	42	.408	11 1/2
Miami	24	50	.324	18

Central Division

St. Louis	47	28	.627	—
Pittsburgh	45	30	.600	2
Cincinnati	44	32	.579	3 1/2
Milwaukee	31	42	.425	15
Chicago	30	43	.411	16

West Division

Arizona	41	33	.554	—
San Francisco	38	36	.514	3
San Diego	38	37	.507	3 1/2
Colorado	38	38	.500	4
Los Angeles	31	42	.425	9 1/2

TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

CROMWELL, Connecticut (AP)—Scores Saturday in the Travelers Championship, a US PGA Tour event at the 6,854-yard, par-70 TPC River Highlands:

THIRD ROUND

Graham DeLaet	65-70-65	—200
Charley Hoffman	61-73-66	—200
Bubba Watson	63-67-70	—200
Chris Stroud	66-69-66	—201
Nick O'Hern	67-66-68	—201
Ken Duke	69-68-65	—202
Richard H. Lee	66-71-66	—203
Nicholas Thompson	71-66-66	—203
Jim Herman	69-67-67	—203
J.J. Henry	68-67-68	—203
Justin Rose	67-68-68	—203
Hunter Mahan	62-71-70	—203
Tommy Gainey	66-67-70	—203
Justin Thomas	72-66-66	—204
Ryan Moore	68-70-66	—204
Marc Leishman	66-70-68	—204
Pdraig Harrington	66-66-72	—204
Tag Ridings	68-65-71	—204
Jeff Maggert	70-70-65	—205
Brian Davis	72-67-66	—205
Morgan Hoffmann	68-71-66	—205
Russell Knox	69-67-69	—205
Stuart Appleby	69-67-69	—205
Patrick Reed	66-66-73	—205
Tim Clark	73-67-66	—206
Andres Romero	71-68-67	—206
Ian Poulter	73-66-67	—206
Jerry Kelly	67-68-71	—206
Ricky Barnes	67-68-71	—206
Keegan Bradley	69-65-72	—206
Webb Simpson	65-69-72	—206
Kevin Sutherland	69-70-68	—207
D.J. Trahan	71-68-68	—207
Vijay Singh	70-68-69	—207
Chris Kirk	66-72-69	—207
Brian Harman	69-69-69	—207
Robert Streb	67-70-70	—207
John Merrick	65-71-71	—207

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Weekend Sports

Saipan sluggers dominate

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Saipan ruled the 17th Annual CNMI District Baseball Tournament, sweeping Tinian in the Major and Big League competitions.

Saipan Major All-Stars downed Tinian in Game 1, 17-0, and Game 2, 18-0, while their Big League counterparts whipped the host, 8-0, and 14-2, to earn the right to represent the CNMI to the 2013 Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament in the Philippines next month.

Also donning the colors of the CNMI in an off-island tournament were 12 junior tennis players. Thea Minor, Mikayla Lopez, Amami Sakano, Jake Lee, Tammy Ackerman, Negahr Rastguir,

Chris Cajigan, Moris Villanueva, Michael Ren, Robbie Schorr, Carol Lee, and Tania Tan made it to the North Pacific Team that will compete in the 2013 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships after a Top 4 and Top 3 finish in the 2013 North Pacific Regional Championships.

In other notable events last week, Kensuke Kimura and Angel Marie Tan repeated as champions in the 5th Saipan

International Open Water Flipper Tournament, Butch Sublemente led winners in the 20th Annual Tom Picarro Memorial Fun Run, the 2013 IT&E Mixed Doubles and Singles Badminton Tournament completed its elimination games, and the CNMI named members of the U19 Junior National men's and women's teams.

Kimura and Tan notched their third straight men's and

women's title in the 1.5-kilometer race around the Managaha Islanda after timing in at 22:16 and 23:41, respectively, in the weekend event.

Sublemente topped the 10K race of the Silver Streak, which drew over 100 runners. Joining Sublemente on the winner's list were women's 10K top finisher Amalia Hanrus and 7K champions Nonie Eugenio and Akane Imaya.

In the IT&E badminton tournament, seven players initially gained finals berth after the round-robin elimination in the men's singles A, B, and C. The list includes Havikka Faro, Dianne Francisco, Janelle Pangilinan, Hannah Choi, Jen Savellano, Panapa Peteru, and Almond Edralin.

Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands selected 12 players each in the

men's and women's division to represent the CNMI in the 2013 U19 Micronesian Basketball Tournament in Guam.

Making it to the CNMI U19 Junior National Team (boys) were Ichitaro Faisao, Jack Aranda, Chris Mizer, Marc Babauta, Malcolm Maui, Darius Pettis, Erick Dela Rosa, Bryle Alegre, and Jimmy Tudela, swingmen Shane Deleon Guerrero, and Emerson Fera. Rachel Abrams led the girls team and were joined by Lily Williams, Jamie Mendoza, Jeralyn and Jeraldine Castillo, Kaylania Lebria, Kyla Ito, Jan-asia Travilla, Michelle Kautz, Madeleine Alegre, Friendly Joy Pena, and Marie Javier Fernandez.



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Swimmers head to the course during the 5th Saipan International Open Water Flipper Tournament in the waters off Managaha Island.



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CNMI coach Jeff Race, left, and ITF development officer to Pacific Oceania Gene Ridgway, pose with the girls U12 doubles Top 2 finishers Carol Lee and Tania Tan, Mimi Sakano, and Malika Miyawaki, during the awards ceremony for the 2013 North Pacific Regional Championships.



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Jack Aranda pulls up for a jumper during the CNMI U19 Junior National Team practice last Thursday at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium.



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Men's winner Kensuke Kimura is flanked by runners-up Kaito Yanai, right, and Takumi Sugie after completing the 5th Saipan International Open Water Flipper Tournament on Managaha last week.



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First placer Amalia Hanrus (women's 10k) receives her prizes from DFS' Wolf Mojica during the awards ceremony for the 20th Annual Tom Picarro Memorial Fun Run.



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Cheng Saturno hits a low shot, while Daniel Shen looks on during a doubles game in the IT&E badminton tournament at the TSL Sports Complex.



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Sho Taguchi, seen here in action during an SLLB regular season game at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield, suited up for the Saipan Major All-Stars who swept Tinian in the 17th Annual CNMI District Baseball Tournament.



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Minor undefeated in North Pacific



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CNMI junior tennis player Thea Minor capped her last stint in the North Pacific Regional Championships with a perfect record.



The 17-year-old player never dropped a single set since competing in the tournament (formerly known as North Pacific Qualifier) in 2006 and bagged seven singles championships.

"It was great to finish NPQ undefeated. All the hard work I put into my training paid off. I accomplished something that will inspire me to continue improving my game," Minor said in a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The Saipan Southern High School student, who will turn 18 this December, making her ineligible for the North Pacific event next year, completed her immaculate mark in the annual tournament after notching six wins in the round-robin girls U18 singles, more than a week ago. She took the U18 singles crown of the regional event after beating Mikayla Lopez in the title-deciding game, 6-4, 6-2. Minor was also unbeaten against FSM's Margaret Finnen, 6-2, 6-1, Amanda Hawkins, 6-0, 6-0, and Guam's Camdyn Nadler, 6-0, 6-0, Alyssa Bristol, 6-0, 6-0, and Margaux San Nicolas, 6-1, 6-0.

The 2013 win in the North Pacific event that Saipan hosted was

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Thea Minor goes for a powerful return to Mikayla Lopez during their girls U18 game in the 2013 North Pacific Regional Championships at the Pacific Islands Club tennis courts.

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CNMI cagebells win MBT opener



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The CNMI U19 Junior National Team won its debut in the girls division of the 2013 U19 Micronesian Basketball Tournament yesterday at the Father Duenas Memorial School Phoenix Centre in Hagatna.

The CNMI cagebells routed Guam U16, 45-29, to have a good start in the weeklong competition. According to reports posted from the Guam Sports Network, the Commonwealth bets held the host's U16 squad to 11 points in the first half to notch the double-digit win. The report added that Jeraldine Castillo led the opening win, firing 12 points. Joining Castillo on the squad are Glorily Williams, Jamie Mendoza, Jeralyn Castillo, Rachel Abrams, Kaylania Lebría, Kyla Ito, Janasia Travilla, Michelle Kautz, Madeleine Alegre, Friendly Joy Pena, and Marie Javier Fernandez. Preston Basa and Connie Camacho are the coach

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Jeraldine Castillo, seen here dribbling past her defender during last year's Kanoa caging at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium, scored 12 points in the CNMI's 45-29 win over Guam U16 in the 2013 Micronesian U19 Basketball Tournament in Guam yesterday.

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Micro Games first payment due next month



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Players of the CNMI Team exchange high-fives with Palau sluggers after their title game in the 2010 Micronesian Games in Koror, Palau. Pohnpei will host next year's Micro Games with the CNMI estimating the cost of the trip to \$1,200 per delegate.



The first installment payment for the cost of the trip to the 2014 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei is due next month.

Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association president Michael White, during the

NMASA meeting last week, reminded members that the \$600 first payment should be turned in at the July meeting or on July 11, while the balance should be completed on or before January next year.

The NMASA head added that the cost per athlete (\$1,200)

may not lower down, as airfare alone is already estimated at \$700 and Pohnpei is charging \$50 per diem for the 10-day competition.

The 2014 Micronesian Games will run from July 20 to 29 with the CNMI facing a

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